

# FORD STRIKE WINS UAW RECOGNITION

## Yugoslavs Hold Nazis in South, Attack Scutari

**Report Albanian Port Is Encircled; British Forces Join Yugoslavs; Counter-Drive Opened Near Prilep; Report Belgrade Taken**

LONDON, April 11 (UP).—Violent fighting in southwestern Yugoslavia, in which Yugoslav and British forces were struggling with Nazi divisions for a foothold in Albania was reported in reliable Yugoslav quarters here tonight.

## Roosevelt Opens Red Sea To War Trade

**Takes Step Allowing U.S. Supplies to Reach Suez Canal**

WASHINGTON, April 11 (UP).

—President Roosevelt today opened the Red Sea as a new avenue for shipment of American war supplies.

He reopened the eastern gateway to the Suez by revoking a previous definition of a 60-mile-wide strip of the Gulf of Aden as a combat zone under terms of the Neutrality Act. That narrow zone of water—extending from the eastern tip of Africa to the Arabian coast—had served as a "stopper" that barred American ships from entering the Red Sea.

The action permits American vessels to proceed to the Suez via the Red Sea and land supplies in non-belligerent areas.

Attorney General Robert H. Jackson admitted after a conference with Mr. Roosevelt that the question of allowing war supplies "is under study."

## SAY DANES TO SEND SHIP PROTEST

ZURICH, Saturday, April 12 (UP).—The German radio said at midnight that the Danish Government had instructed its minister in Washington to protest in advance any United States action to purchase or charter Danish ships now in protective custody in American harbors.

## Yugoslav Envoy in Turkey Off to USSR

SOBIA, April 11 (UP).—Vladimir Milanovich, Yugoslav Minister, and three league secretaries are expected to leave tonight for the Soviet Union by way of Rumania.

## Balkan War Cuts Off Germany's Materials

**Soviet Naval Organ Stresses Role of Turkey in Struggle for Near East's Oil—British Face Serious Threat from Libya**

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)

MOSCOW, April 11.—Analyzing the changes in the war situation with the development of a new front in the Balkans, Red Fleet, organ of the Red Navy, today points out that Germany's important sources of supplies, both industrial and agricultural, from Balkan countries is now cut off, and that Italy faces a serious threat from the air because of the shortened operating radius of fighting planes from Yugoslavian air bases.

Commenting on the numerical and material superiority of German forces, Red Fleet declares that developments in the Balkan war should not be judged by the retreat of Greek and Yugoslavian forces, since they must fight a war of resistance utilizing favorable terrain. Developments in the Balkans, Red Fleet says, depend to a great extent on the course Turkey will follow under the pressure of diplomatic struggle for her support by both belligerents.

## WAR IN AFRICA

Turning to the war in Africa, Red Fleet declares that the British evidently miscalculated the strength of new German and Italian forces there, and may lose territory in Libya with the consequent threat to the Suez Canal and Egypt.

In the north, the Germans apparently had captured Belgrade, the battered capital, but in the southwest the Yugoslavs reported fierce resistance to Germany's armored divisions.

Information here was that Yugoslav forces which crossed the River Drin, northwest of Alessio in northern Albania, were menacing the important Albanian harbor of Scutari. They were reported to have encircled Scutari, although it had not yet been captured, and to be hammering at both its natural and artificial fortifications.

## OPEN COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

Fresh Yugoslav divisions, aided by the British Royal Air Force, opened a counter-offensive against the German drive southwest of Prilep, 60 miles from the Albanian border. German mechanized units to the northwest were racing southbound Yugoslavs for control of Scutari and northern Albania, with the fate of the Italian forces in Albania depending on the outcome.

The German main effort was concentrated on saving the threatened Italian positions in Albania, while the hard-pressed Yugoslavs were trying to keep open a route of retreat along which they could join the Anglo-Greek forces in southern Albania.

The odds appeared to favor the Germans, who were pushing westwards, from Prisen, Tetova and Prilep with the object of joining the Italians in Albania.

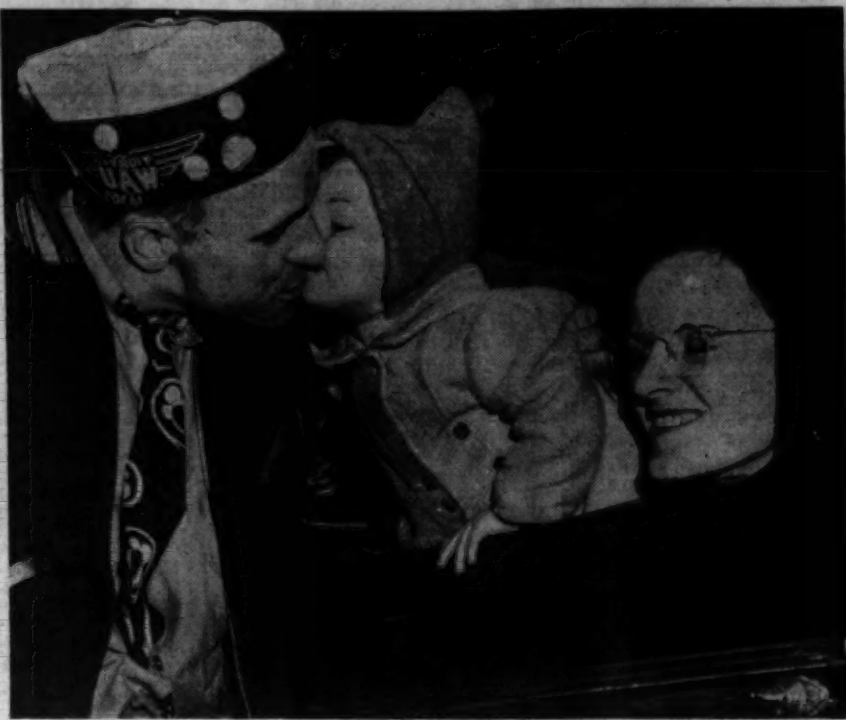
According to Yugoslav sources, the Germans have thrown into their Yugoslavian attack, and to a lesser extent into Greece, "all their mechanized divisions except those in North Africa."

## REPORT BELGRADE TAKEN

In the sector farther to the east in mid-Yugoslavia, the German forces were reported advancing northward from Nish and attacking Krusevac, where a big Yugoslav arsenal is located.

The latest Yugoslav reports received in London were that German mechanized units had reached the gates of Belgrade and it was believed possible they already had entered the capital. This report was strengthened by a broadcast of the Budapest radio, which said the German

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**How They Won:** It was for the kids and the wives and kids were there to cheer the striking members of the United Auto workers on in their fight against the Ford Motor Co. Photo (left) shows Gene Guiley

as he kisses his daughter Mary Anne, age 17 months, when he goes on picket duty. Mrs. Guiley beams. Other picture shows a part of the mass meeting of 20,000 at State Fair Coliseum Thursday night where pact was ratified.

## FDR Rejects Eire's Plea --- Join England Or Starve Is His Stand

**General Aitken, Irish Envoy, Cold-Bloodedly Refused Appeal for Wheat, Defense Arms; Says Nation Insists on Neutrality**

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—The Roosevelt administration is attempting to starve the Irish people into submitting to British demands for air and naval bases which would restore Eire to colonial status.

This is the only conclusion which can be reached from the completely negative response given by the President and State Department officials to the proposals for American aid to Eire brought here by General Frank Aitken, Irish Minister of Defense Coordination.

General Aitken has been in Washington since March 18 to urge the United States government to permit Eire to make the following purchases in this country:

## SEEKS FOOD

First, at least 30,000 tons of wheat to alleviate the danger of famine in Eire.

Second, a number of American merchant ships which could be used to transport supplies obtained here.

Third, American munitions and arms which would enable Eire to defend itself against attack from any source.

Although General Aitken has been in Washington for almost a month; he has had great difficulty even in arranging to see administration officials to whom he could present his case.

State Department higher-ups at first forced Aitken to cool his heels for some time, and finally permitted him two brief interviews with Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles.

These interviews with Welles lasted only 10 minutes each. It is understood that the time allotted was so brief that they were confined primarily to diplomatic formalities.

On Monday of this week Aitken, together with Robert Brennan, the Irish Minister in Washington, did manage to confer with the President for almost a half hour.

## FDR REJECTS PLEA

But it is reliably reported that the President flatly turned down the three-point program submitted by the Irish representative.

Several weeks ago, long before he met with Aitken and Brennan, the President indicated the line of argument the administration intended to use to justify before the American people its cold-blooded refusal to supply Eire with food and arms.

At that time, the President was asked at a press conference to state his position on sending aid to Eire. He parried with a question about how supplies would get to Ireland. Irish representatives here have

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## Bethlehem Gets SWOC Pay Demands

**CIO Union Formally Requests Boost for 65,000**

PITTSBURGH, April 11 (UP).—The CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee today made formal request on all plants of Bethlehem Steel Corp. for wage increases of ten cents an hour covering some 65,000 workers.

Heads of the Bethlehem plants were notified by letter, mill committees and otherwise of the union demand, according to John Riffe, executive director of the SWOC organizing campaign in Bethlehem mills.

A similar demand has been made by the steel union on the United States Steel Corp.

At Bethlehem's Cambria plant in Johnstown, Pa., the request was laid before company officials this morning.

The request is in line with demands made by the union to the United States Steel Corp. and to the management of some other Bethlehem Corp. plants.

## Saves Woman From Blaze

Anthony Gallardo a street cleaner was working at Greenwich and Beach Sts. early yesterday when he saw smoke pouring from a four-story building at 420 Greenwich St.

His partner turned in an alarm while Gallardo ran into the building and shouted for tenants to get out.

He found Mrs. Annie Finley, 70, an invalid, whom he carried to the street.

## Father and 2 Children Found Dead from Gas

Malcolm Blecker, 34, and his two children, Barbara, 6, and Anthony, 2, were found dead of gas yesterday in their home at 214-50 33 rd Ave., Bayside, Queens.

## Lewis Charges Plot to Smash Mine Union as Southern Owners Bolt

**Negotiations for Pact Disrupted by Southern Labor-Bating Block as Coal Shortage Beginning to Be Felt, Agreement Was About to Be Signed**

By George Morris  
Southern coal operators who bolted bituminous contract negotiations yesterday and wired for National Defense Mediation Board action, were branded by John L. Lewis as tools of powerful interests who entered into a "brazen conspiracy" to "smash the union in the South and return again to feudal conditions."

Lewis declared that "three or four gentlemen of the South who are in control of key coal producing companies" are holding up an agreement and "are holding up the coal industry and nation by their thumbs."

The new developments brought the month-long negotiations to a critical crisis with the coal shortage already beginning to take effect and 400,000 soft coal miners idle. The move of the Southerners has all the earmarks of an effort to seek the aid of the powerful Southern block of war-mongers who today have a powerful grip in Washington.

## LEWIS' WARNING

Yesterday's developments recalled the speech of Lewis before the Anthracite convention April 2, when he warned that the 400,000 miners won't follow the "formula" of the National Defense Mediation Board aimed to "bust" strikes. Lewis then centered his fire against "certain politicians mostly from the South where the Democratic Party is in complete control" who call for "electrocution" of strikers.

The Lewis statement came at a press conference which followed shortly after the action of the Southern operators. The Southerners threw in their monkey-wrench just as the public at large expected to hear that a reported agreement (Continued on Page 4)

## Strikers Go Back to Work on Monday

**Company Bargains for 1st Time; Agrees to NLRB Election**

By William Allan  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, April 11.—All American labor and its allies will pay tribute to the unity, courage and solidarity of the 85,000 River Rouge Ford workers who today ended their nine-day strike with decided successes over the non-union citadel that for 38 years refused to recognize a bonafide union such as the United Automobile Workers, CIO.

An agreement reached this afternoon establishes the UAW-CIO as the spokesman for its members on all grievances and matters pertaining to working conditions.

It restores to their jobs five active members of the UAW-CIO; and it assures fair arbitration for three others. The Ford Motor Co. through its spokesmen assured UAW-CIO president R. J. Thomas that it will bring its wages into line with those of other major automobile manufacturers. Also a top appeal board has been established that will for the first time in the company's 38 years of existence see Ford Co. officials sitting across the table from union leaders and ironing out grievances. In the 325 departments and 13 buildings comprising the company's River Rouge plant, workers starting Monday will settle their own grievances with management as free men, as union men.

## TOP COMMITTEE

Those that cannot be settled there will go to the top committee composed of union leaders R. J. Thomas, Allan Haywood, organizational director of the CIO, James Dewey, federal conciliator, Governor Van Wagoner and Harry Bennett and one other person representing the Ford Motor Co.

R. J. Thomas, commenting on the ending of the strike and the settlement, said in part: "The major significance of the settlement and the negotiations which preceded it is the fact that the last remaining non-union citadel in the automobile industry has fallen. The Ford Motor Co. has frankly and openly bargained with our union as the spokesman of workers in the Rouge plant."

"It has agreed," he said, "that officers of the CIO and of the UAW-CIO shall meet regularly with the company on matters concerning these workers."

Thomas added, "I want to compliment the Ford workers on the splendid solidarity which has made possible this greatest of all labor victories in our generation."

Other highlights of the settlement are that the company agrees to return to work all strikers and non-strikers without discrimination except in the cases of three men. The company also agrees not to hinder a National Labor Relations

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## 13 Days to Complete Browder Fund

The time set by the National Committee of the Communist Party to complete a Browder Fighting Fund ends on April 25. There are 13 days left. Send in your contribution NOW.

## National Protest Forces Hillman to Ask Hiring of Negroes in 'Defense' Plants

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—Nationwide protests have succeeded in making at least a limited breach in the hitherto virtually solid wall of discrimination against Negroes in "defense" industries.

As a result of a campaign by Negro, labor and progressive groups against the administration's policy of discrimination, Associate OPM Director Sidney Hillman announced this afternoon that he has written to all firms with government contracts "urging" them to employ Negroes.

Hillman revealed in his press conference that in the last week alone he had received 3,000 letters and telegrams from Negro organizations

demanded that Negroes be given jobs in companies with arms contracts.

Just how much meaning Hillman's letters will actually have in breaking down discrimination remains to be seen.

## "STATEMENT OF POLICY"

The Associate OPM Director admitted that it is simply a "statement of policy." A similar statement of policy advising firms with government contracts that they should obey all labor laws was ignored by Bethlehem Steel and other corporations with large contracts and was winked at by the administration when it came to awarding contracts.

Hillman said in his letter that the OPM "expects defense contractors to utilize all available local labor resources before resorting to the recruiting of additional labor from outside their local areas."

"In many sections of the nation," he said, "there are today available labor reserves of Negro workers. Plans for their training and employment capacities are inadequate with their individual skills and aptitudes should be undertaken at once."

A significant omission is the absence of any statement in the letter to the effect that employers should not impose discriminatory wages

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# Barcelona Today: A City of Hunger and Anger

## Markets Are Bare; Disease Toll Increases

### Resentment Mounting Against Terroristic Franco Regime

(Special to Intercontinental News)  
LISBON (By Mail).—Barcelona, the once rich Catalonian capital, the most industrialized Spanish city, today is suffering from misery and hunger, a traveler from Spain reported upon his return here this week.

Trade is almost dead. There is nothing to be sold and what is found demands such fabulous prices that everything is beyond the purchasing power of the people. The women return to their homes from the market with empty baskets, protesting and indignant. There is nothing to eat. Some women, who through illicit means and cunning, have been able to get a little coffee, sugar and tobacco, go secretly to the part of town that has become a center for contraband trade. The women, when found, are persecuted and jailed.

The problem of provisions has reached such an acute stage that the authorities have rationed everything. The store shelves are almost empty. The owners place their foodstuffs far apart to fill up the empty spaces. Large wholesale places are shown displaying a single article.

#### NO 'RECONSTRUCTION'

The famous "reconstruction of Spain" can be seen nowhere in Barcelona. Only a few repairs have been made in the ports and in a few dwelling places. Begging has reached such a point that people who have always worked before today are seen begging on the streets. There are many children begging. Prostitution is increasing considerably. The few articles which reach Barcelona are cotton from the United States, wheat from Argentina, and coffee and sugar from Brazil. Most of these products go to the official organizations and what is left is supposed to go to the market.

When a ship arrives the people hope that they may get some of the articles being brought in, but rationing continues just the same. The people say that in the end everything goes to Italy and Germany, and there is some reason to believe it is so, inasmuch as the same ships later depart for Genoa. There is no clothing. Women wear dresses made of mattress covering. Both men and women wear clothing made of sugar sacks. A pair of shoes costs anywhere from \$20 to \$30. Anemia and tuberculosis are taking their toll.

#### INTENSE RESENTMENT

The intense political feeling against Franco and the Falange in Barcelona is expressed in many ways. Women, especially when they are marketing, do not conceal their hatred and speak openly about it. In spite of all prohibitive measures, they continue to speak their native language, Catalan. Ninety per cent of the population continues to speak Catalan. There is general animosity against Franco and all pro-Franco objectives.

Even the Catalonian industrialists, who are continually being fined, do not hide their opposition to Franco. When the people talk of these things, however, they do so in a quiet manner, protecting themselves against the spies who are organized to counteract this atmosphere.

The theaters show German and Italian pictures, and very few American pictures. Assault Guards and Carabineros (internal revenue guards), together with some of the Civil Guards are in charge of "order" in Barcelona. The Assault Guards are very hard, but the Carabineros are mostly anti-Franco. They are especially commissioned to combat contraband and illegal sales, but they themselves practice it and never miss an occasion to sabotage the regime, for they also want.

The old affiliates of the CNT (General Confederation of Labor) acknowledge many of the errors committed by their organization during the war.

#### FORCED ORGANIZATION

In order to be able to attend school, children must belong to the fascist "Pelayos" or to the "Flechas." The Falange parades are attended by girls but by "well-to-do" girls only. The workers and the youth of the people do not attend either the parades or the trade unions to which they are forced to belong.

While many Republican, Socialist, and Anarchist leaders in exile are in close contact with the aristocratic monarchists, the people of Barcelona, as well as the people of Spain, do not want the monarchy, nor do they want the Franco dictatorship. The people want the Popular Republic and are still willing to fight for it. The Catalonian people know

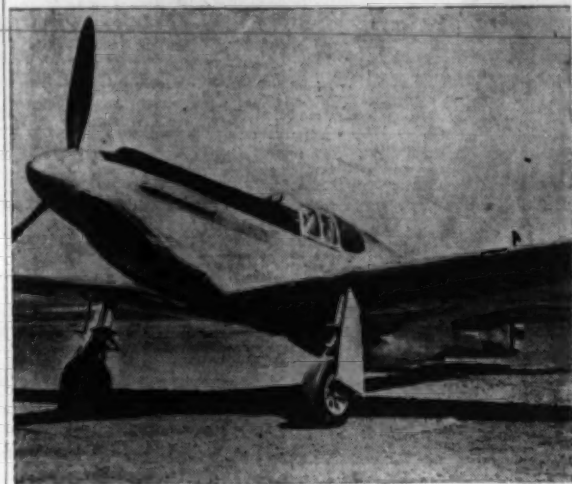


## BROWDER SAYS---

"THE Roosevelt Administration has entered into a compact to aid the British ruling class to retain control of a slave empire in half of Africa, to continue to rule three hundred and fifty million Indians against their will. The Roosevelt Administration is about to enter into military action which cannot but be directed against Ireland. It is now

adding its pressure to that of Churchill and Halifax to compel Ireland to surrender its natural fortifications again to the British Government. We Americans do not wish to have our country made an instrument of war to aid the British rulers to renew and complete the conquest of Ireland that they have unsuccessfully attempted for seven hundred years."—*"The Way Out," by Earl Browder: pages 200-1.*

## 'Stop the Convoys' -- Peace Rallies in Every State Called to Halt War Drive



Preview of New Pursuit Plane: The XP-38, the Aviation's newest design, photographed at Inglewood, Calif. The ship has a speed of more than 400 miles an hour. Strict secrecy has prevented publication of its specification as several have been ordered for the U. S. Army.

### Red Army War Analysis

## British Delay in Balkans Would Prove to Be Costly

### Time Vital Factor in View of Energetic German Operations; Fall of Salonika Not Decisive to War's Outcome

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)  
MOSCOW, April 11.—Any delay on the part of General Sir Archibald Wavell in taking energetic measures in the Balkans "may lead to serious consequences," for the "decisive element in this situation is time," declared Colonel Popov, in his military review yesterday in "Red Star."

The Yugoslav army showed praiseworthy initiative in promptly taking the offensive, as for example in the southward blow along the Albanian coast, but with a concentric offensive against her, it is hardly likely that the Yugoslav command will realize its plan.

In any event, Colonel Popov says, the loss of Salonika to the Germans "cannot nevertheless have a decisive influence" on the actual outcome of the Balkan operations.

The Red Star article is as follows: "The plan outlined by the German command has become sufficiently clear during the first few days of active fighting in the Balkans. It consists of the following operations:

"By striking in the direction Sofia-Skopje, and further west, they plan to split the Yugoslav army from the Greek and at the same time to unite with the Italian troops isolated in Albania. On the completion of this maneuver, the German troops will evidently display greater activity also on other fronts.

"The capture of Maribor and the Italian advance in the Sava valley must be regarded as a matter of local significance chiefly.

"In case the German plan is realized, the Yugoslavians will still have a chance to maintain communications with her allies by sea. Owing to the obvious domination of the British navy in the eastern Mediterranean, it would not be a particularly hard task.

"The struggle of the Yugoslav army against a considerably stronger enemy undoubtedly involves great hardships. This is aggravated also by the presence of many fronts, which permits the Germans to launch a concentric offensive from several directions.

very well what to expect from the present imperialist war. It has no sympathy with any side in the conflict knowing both are equally imperialist and are not interested in the liberty and independence of Spain, wishing to subject it to their yoke.

#### FALANGE PRO-GERMAN

The Falange is pro-German. Many Reguete are pro-English. The people feel that just as the Falange and Reguete are their national enemies, the capitalist and imperialist groups of England, Germany and Italy are their enemies in the international field.

The people, however, look upon the Soviet Union as their friend, because they remember the assistance the Soviet Union gave to Popular Republican Spain. Even

### Peace Mobilization Call Rallies People Around 5 Basic Issues

In answer to the national campaign to "prepare America for convos," the American Peace Mobilization yesterday called for the formation of state and regional Peace conferences throughout the United States to "rally the overwhelming demand of the people that America not enter this war."

The sectional meetings were proposed to implement the findings and decisions of the National American People's Meeting, at which 5,000 delegates from all sections of America gathered last weekend to formulate a policy for Peace, Liberty and the Common Welfare of the American people. The meetings will take place in various sections of the country beginning on or about Memorial Day, May 30.

In making public the proposed plan, Frederick V. Field, executive secretary of the American Peace Mobilization, said the conferences would be built around the five major problems confronting the American people today, which were listed as:

- 1.—The prevention of active belligerency—NO AEF; NO CONVOYS.
- 2.—Support to American labor in its fight to maintain the American standard of living.
- 3.—Support to the American farmer in his fight to secure cost of production, and ownership and protection of his means of production.
- 4.—Who is to bear the burden of the war? Who will pay the forty billions being appropriated under the Roosevelt war program?
- 5.—Racial, religious, and political discrimination.

#### WAR DRIVE GROWS

"The American people today," Field said, "are confronted with a suddenly accelerated campaign to terrorize and victimize them into sanctioning the use of American warships as convoys."

"From high government officials, we suddenly hear against the nebulous demagoguery about 'forces of good' versus 'forces of evil' that once cajoled the now dead of the last war into a fight that was not for democracy."

"From official, unofficial and semi-official sources has sprung a great campaign to convince the American people that they are utter fools because they still insist, despite all propaganda, that they wish to remain at peace."

"But the American people have already seen that this war, like the last, is bringing greater democracy to no one, is bringing freedom to no one, is bringing only reaction and suppression in a multitude of forms to our country, even before we have entered this war."

"To the people, democracy is more than a word. It is a way of living. To achieve it, to hold it, they must and will organize in great gatherings to protest the destruction of democracy and to insist that the voice of the people be heard—that there be no convoys, no sending of American boys to die abroad."

### French Citizens in Turkey Get Set to Evacuate

ISTANBUL, April 11 (UP).—French consular officials today warned their nationals in Istanbul they should be prepared to proceed to Anatolia in Asiatic Turkey "on short notice."

The action followed yesterday's offer by the Turkish government to evacuate its own civilians to Anatolia at the cost of the government, so far as transport from areas bordering Greece and Bulgaria was concerned. It was reported that evacuations in accordance with the government's offer were in progress.

#### Matsuoka Sees Molotov in Moscow

MOSCOW, April 11 (UP).—Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka saw Premier and Foreign Affairs Commissar V. M. Molotov again today, remaining with him more than two hours.

It was the third meeting between the two statesmen since Matsuoka reached here Monday following his conversations in Rome, Berlin and Vatican City.

### Gold Star War Mothers Vote 'No Convoys'

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
BOSTON, April 11.—The World War Mothers of New England, holding its annual meeting at the Hotel Brunswick yesterday, adopted a resolution against the use of American convoys for British vessels, or sending of American soldiers abroad. A letter to that effect was sent to Senator Tobey of New Hampshire.

The session was attended by some 75 members from six states. Mrs. Ann McCann of Worcester was elected president, and Mrs. Mary E. Glibody of Winchester secretary.

### Jam Moscow Theaters to See Yugoslav Treaty Film

MOSCOW, April 11 (UP).—Large crowds queued up at motion picture theaters to see newsworthy films depicting the recent signing of the Soviet-Yugoslav Non-Aggression Treaty.

The pictures showed Foreign Commissar Vichaislav M. Molotov and Yugoslav Minister Milan Gavrilovich signing the treaty while Josef Stalin and other Soviet leaders engaged Yugoslavians in conversation.

Audiences applauded vigorously and cheered the Yugoslav people.

### USSR, Norway in New Trade Pact

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)

MOSCOW, April 11.—A new trade agreement between the Soviet Union and Norway was signed here yesterday. It was officially announced today.

Negotiations for the agreement, which regulates trade turnover and payments, were carried on and concluded by Assistant People's Commissar of Foreign Trade Stepanov, and by the Foreign Trade Commissariat's Chief of the Department of Trade Agreements, Mishustin, on behalf of the Soviet Union. Councillor Hilger of the German embassy in Moscow, working with the Norwegian Acting Minister of Trade and Industry, Johannessen, acted on behalf of Norway.

#### Evacuate East Indies

BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, April 11 (UP).—Evacuation of Japanese residents from the Netherlands East Indies was speeded today and applicants for transportation crowded the Japanese consulate.

The attack against Coventry was the second this week, although the city has been little more than a skeleton since a devastating raid last November.

#### START GREAT FIRES

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### RAF Blasts Nazi Warships In Brest Port

### Step Up Raids Over Germany; London Admits Damage

LONDON, April 11 (UP).—Royal Air Force bombers straddled the German sea raiders Scharnhorst and Gneisenau with stick after stick of heavy armor-piercing bombs during a moonlight raid on the Brest harbor last night, the Air Ministry said today.

British bombers and fighters stepped up their offensive and defensive efforts, but the Nazi Luftwaffe's efforts against Britain—despite heavy raids against Birmingham and Coventry—were less intense Thursday night than on previous nights.

The four-night toll of German planes shot down over Britain was raised to 37 early Friday when night fighters shot down nine Nazi invaders and anti-aircraft fire accounted for another.

At Brest, the Air Ministry said, RAF bombers zoomed back and forth above the 28,000-ton warships which have been raiding Atlantic convoys in two attacks, one of which lasted two hours.

British bombing squadrons also raided the German Ruhr and Rhineland industrial districts during the night, centering on Duesseldorf, as well as the Focke-Wulf airbase at Merignac in occupied France. On Thursday, the Ministry announced, RAF planes made a surprise raid on the Borkum seaplane base off the North German coast.

At Merignac, where long range bombers were said to take off for attacks on convoys from America, bomb hits were reported on runways, hangars and other buildings of the airbase.

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What FDR Grabbed In Greenland—one of the deep fjords on the coast of the Arctic island which the United States took over from Denmark "for cooperative hemisphere defense." The administration's war involvement took a long step toward full participation when it took control of Greenland for naval and plane bases. Greenland is only three miles from the North Atlantic war zone in Germany's torpedo path.

## Balkan War Cuts Off Germany's Materials

### Soviet Naval Organ Stresses Role of Turkey in Struggle for Near East's Oil—British Face Serious Threat from Libya

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piled Germany and Italy with military strategic materials and foodstuffs.

"Yugoslavia's deposits of non-ferrous metals are the biggest in Europe and her agricultural resources are also considerable."

"The territories of Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary have become an arena of war with all the consequences arising therefrom. These countries always serve as one of Germany's main supply sources. Now their economic life is interrupted."

"It should be borne in mind that with airdromes in Yugoslavia and Greece, the radius of possible operations of the British air force has been shortened; the distance to the oil fields of Rumania has been shortened by hundreds of miles."

"Serious danger may face Italy from the air since the distance of operations of air forces operating from airdromes in western and northern Yugoslavia against the basic industrial war centers of northern and central Italy have been sharply reduced."

#### WAR OF RESISTANCE

"Faced with a manifest numerical and material superiority of German forces, the Greek and Yugoslav commands will apply the tactic of resistance only where natural conditions of terrain and locality will at least somewhat balance the forces."

Therefore the possible development of military operations in the Balkan theatre should not be judged on the basis of the retreat of Greek and Yugoslav troops from certain districts."

The big new German front in Europe may greatly change the situation on the other fronts of the Anglo-German war. The Balkan front means the tying down of entire German air squadrons and land armies in southeast Europe, it means using up equipment, ammunition and the material parts of German troops."

#### TURKEY'S POSITION

"The further course of developments in the Balkans greatly depends upon Turkey whose present position is that of a non-belligerent ally of Britain. Turkey, like Syria and Iraq, continues to be the object of fierce diplomatic struggle by both belligerent camps."

"The events in the Balkans are a link in the struggle for the domination of the resources of the eastern part of the Mediterranean, and above all for the oil resources of the Near East."

#### General Aitken, Irish Envoy, Cold-Bloodedly Refused Appeal for Wheat, Defense Arms; Says Nation Insists on Neutrality

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pointed out that this problem would be taken care of if the United States permitted Eire to purchase merchant vessels in this country.

There is little doubt among well-informed quarters here that the refusal of the De Valera government to grant the demand of the British for bases is the real reason for the lack of success of the Irish mission in Washington.

General Aitken has made no secret of the fact in conferences with the President and with Under Secretary of State Welles as well as in conversations with Washington newspapermen that his country has no intentions of ceding bases to Great Britain.

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British command has undoubtedly already started to ship part of its forces back to Libya. Being in possession of the port of Massawa, the British can safely transport their troops by way of the Suez Canal. Such, apparently, is the aim of the British command.

"The further development of military operations in the eastern part of the Mediterranean, that is, in North Africa and the Balkans, depends first upon what manpower and material resources the British will be able to dispose of here, and second upon how swiftly and freely they will be able to maneuver with them."

"This in its turn depends upon the situation in the western part of the Mediterranean, particularly upon the position of Spain and France, and also upon the situation in the Atlantic and the extent to which American armaments will succeed in reaching Britain despite the German blockade, and finally, it depends also upon the situation in the Far East."

## Yugoslavs Hold Nazis in South, Attack Scutari

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man army had entered Belgrade last night.

#### HUGE BRITISH-GERMAN CLASH SHAPES UP

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE BALKANS, Via Athens, April 11 (UP).—One of the greatest battles ever fought on this historic front appeared developing today after preliminary skirmishes between British Balkan Expeditionary Force and the German war machine.

Heretofore the German attack in the Balkans has been directed mainly against the Greeks and Yugoslavs, while the British army jockeyed into position and held itself in readiness for the appropriate moment to join the battle.

The Germans suffered heavy losses in breaking through the Greek-Yugoslav frontier posts.

#### PRATISE GREEKS' 'MAGNIFICENT RESISTANCE'

ATHENS, April 11 (UP).—A major battle between British Expeditionary Forces on whom may depend the course of the war and German Panzer divisions streaming south through the Jonastir Gap from Yugoslavia, either was imminent or already had begun to night after their first minor clash.

Another armored German column was smashing westward from captured Salonika.

#### HUNGARIAN TROOPS INVADE YUGOSLAVIA

BUDAPEST, April 11 (UP).—Regent Admiral Nicholas de Horthy sent Hungarian troops marching across the border into Yugoslavia today to seize the Verdant cornfields and dairy lands.

Reports circulated that Rumania, like Hungary a junior partner of the Axis, had started a similar move into the southern section of the Banat area in which Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia form a boundary "corner."

#### ROME, April 11 (UP).—The High Command said today that Italian forces were driving into Yugoslavia on two fronts, and the fascist press claimed that Great Britain had plotted to seize Italian Albania with attacks through Yugoslavia, Greece and the Adriatic.





**Good Cooks Until...** These pickets marching in front of the Thompson cafeteria at Grand Central Station yesterday replied to a spokesman of the firm who said before a State Labor Relations Board hearing, that any "housewife cook" would fill the requirements at the 19 strike-closed stores of the company.

## Worker Dies In Explosion at Jersey Plant

**Negro Killed in Second Blast in Alabama; 13 More Hurt**

BEHAVIOR, N. J., April 11 (UP).—One man was killed and four were injured, two critically, when an explosion of nitrate cotton damaged the dehydration house of the Hercules Powder Co. plant here today.

Charles J. Hagerty, Warren County coroner, denied a report that two men were killed. The dead man was Charles Haycock, 21, of Belvidere, who died an hour and 20 minutes after the blast in Warren Hospital, Philadelphia.

Company officials listed the injured as Richard Stenlake, 35, East Bangor, Pa., dehydration house foreman, head injuries and fractures of left leg and arm, in critical condition at Easton, Pa. Hospital; George C. Dalrymple, Oxford, N. J., mechanic, fractured skull, in critical condition in Warren Hospital; Walter H. Gerlach, 23, older, Oxford, shock, and Marshall Meyers, Belvidere, shock.

Spokesmen for the company, whose Belvidere plant was built last year and put into production of smokeless powder for the government recently, said only a small block of nitrate cotton exploded and that damage was slight.

## NEGRO DIES AFTER ALABAMA EXPLOSION

BESEMER, Ala., April 11 (UP).—An explosion that was heard seven miles away today wrecked the steam boiler supplying a blast furnace at Woodward Iron Company's plant near here.

A Negro repairman, Will Rush, died of burns at West End Hospital in Birmingham two hours after he was rushed from the explosion scene. Thirteen other white and Negro injured were taken to the hospital but several were released after treatment for minor burns.

The explosion occurred in the blowing room adjoining the furnace structure, according to plant officials who talked to newspapermen outside the gates.

## NYA Recognizes Organization of Young Workers

The city NYA administration has agreed to recognize the New York NYA Workers Council as official spokesmen for the youth workers, it was announced yesterday.

Announcement of the agreement was made following a meeting between Helen M. Harris, NYA administrator and a committee of ten council members, headed by Mac Itakowitz.

The council was organized in opposition to the drastic reduction of the NYA rolls in this area. More than 7,000 of the 26,000 youth on the projects have been dismissed.

## 10 Firemen Overcome At North River Blaze

Ten firemen were overcome yesterday while fighting a stubborn three-hour fire in the hold of the Morgan line freighter El Mundo at its North River pier.

The ship arrived yesterday from Galveston and Houston carrying a general cargo and was scheduled to sail again Tuesday. The El Mundo is a 6,000-ton ship.

None of the firemen were injured seriously.

## Dock Workers To Pay Tribute To Thaelmann

**'Free Thaelmann' Rally April 16; Foster to Speak**

Ernst Thaelmann, the longshoreman, who became General Secretary of the Communist Party of Germany, will receive the tribute of American longshoremen at a "free Thaelmann" rally in Mecca Temple, Wednesday, April 16, at which William Z. Foster will be the principal speaker.

Al Lannon, Communist Party organizer on the Manhattan waterfront, declared that the Thaelmann meeting is being popularized among New York longshoremen, many of whom have heard of the Communist leader from sea-faring friends.

Long after he became head of the German Communist Party, Thaelmann maintained close contact with waterfront workers in the Hamburg port, who never tired of spreading the fame of the great revolutionary. Thaelmann's 55th birthday will be celebrated at the Mecca Temple meeting.

Israel Amter, New York State chairman of the Communist Party, Al Lannon, Tim Holmes, George Lohr and Fay Callier will also address the meeting.

Songs of the German revolutionary movement will be featured in the entertainment program.

## Marcantonio to Speak At Bronx Peace Rally

Congressman Vito Marcantonio, Harlem Laborite, will address a North Bronx anti-war rally, Friday night, April 18, at Evander Childs High School, Gunhill Road and Bronxwood Ave.

## Massachusetts High Court Kills Ban on Picketing

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, April 11.—The State Supreme Court of Massachusetts ruled yesterday that the Boston ordinance prohibiting the carrying of a placard, or sign without a permit was unconstitutional. This ruling was in conformance with an earlier ruling of the United States Supreme Court.

This ruling was considered a boon to trade unions which were prevented from picketing with signs prior to this action of the court.

## Painters Act On May Day; Donate Funds

**Vote to Participate in Demonstration; Name Committee Group**

District Council 9, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, AFL, decided at its regular meeting to participate in the May First parade and made preparations for the demonstration. The Council elected five delegates to work with the United May Day Committee and donated \$50 to finance the celebration.

Louis Weinstein, President of District Council 9 said: "The Painters District Council has participated in May Day parades since the early years of this century. The Painters organizations are among the most progressive trade unions in the City of New York. We call upon all other trade unions to participate in the May Day parade this year to demonstrate the unity and solidarity of the workers for Peace, Democracy, to maintain the New Deal labor laws intact, and to fight against anti-labor legislation. We call upon the building trades workers, especially, to join in the parade for Low Cost Housing."

Mr. Weinstein is chairman of the May Day Committee.

## Philadelphia 'Free Browder' Rally April 25

**Olympia Arena Meeting to Hear Minor and Mother Bloor**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 11.—Philadelphia will hold its second "Free Browder Rally" on Sunday, April 25 at the Olympia Arena, 711 Broad St.

The meeting at which Robert Minor, acting secretary of the Communist Party of the United States, will be the principal speaker will start promptly at 8 P.M.

The first Browder rally was held here in connection with the anti-war meeting to commemorate the lives of Lenin-Lincoln and Douglas on February 14.

Mother Ella Reeve Bloor, state chairman of the Communist Party, just returned from a national tour, and Philip Frankford, secretary of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania, will represent the local Communist organization.

A further treat is in store for the 3,000 people who are expected to jam into Olympia Arena. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Ben Davis Jr. will also speak.

## Capital Office Opened in Fight On Hobbs Bill

As part of its fight against the Hobbs Concentration Camp Bill, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has opened a Washington Office at Room 206, 503 F St., N.W., Washington, D. C., it was announced yesterday by Hugh DeLacy, Committee Chairman.

Mr. DeLacy called on all organizations and individuals to communicate immediately with their Congressmen to voice their opposition to the concentration camp bill. Mr. DeLacy pointed out that, while the House of Representatives is in recess for the Easter holidays, those opposed to the concentration camp proposal have an opportunity to organize and secure wide protest against the measure.

## CLU Intervenes In Arrest of 75 Of Jehova Sect

The American Civil Liberties Union yesterday urged intervention by the U. S. Department of Justice in the arrest of 75 men, women, and children belonging to the sect of Jehovah's Witnesses on criminal syndicalism charges in Connorsville, Ind., and asked its attorneys in Indianapolis to intervene in behalf of the defendants. The Union wired Henry Schweinhaut, chief of the Civil Liberties Unit of the Department of Justice as follows: "May we urge prompt investigation by your unit of mob violence and arrests of Jehovah's Witnesses in Connorsville, Indiana? As the second similar incident in recent months, this appears to justify vigorous action." The Union's message was signed by Arthur Garfield Hays, its general counsel, and by Roger N. Baldwin, director.

The Union is cooperating with attorneys for Jehovah's Witnesses in appealing the conviction of two women, one seventy years old and the other nearly sixty, each sentenced to ten years in prison in Connorsville last September on charges of "riotous conspiracy."

## Massachusetts Enacts Bill to Ban Job Bias

**Anti-Poll Tax Bill Is Memorialized, Anti-Lynch Act Favored**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, April 11.—Gov. Saltonstall yesterday signed an act to prevent discrimination in employment against persons of any race, color, or nationality on public works and in employment agencies. This bill, which was introduced for the Massachusetts Youth Council through Rep. Cook of Boston, was first heard on Feb. 13. More than a hundred persons attended this hearing. Representatives of dozens of Negro civic and church organizations and other groups, including the National Negro Congress, spoke at this hearing. Ann Burlak spoke for the Communist Party in support of this measure. The bill was held up for weeks in the Senate, where it was amended, tabled, finally reintroduced, and yesterday made into law.

The bills to memorialize Congress in support of the Guyer Anti-Poll Tax Bill and an adequate anti-lynch law have been passed by both House and Senate and are now laid before the Governor for his final signature.

The Negro people have taken an active part in this year's legislative session, coming out in considerable numbers to many hearings. The enactment of the bill to prevent discrimination is the first important result of their activities.

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## Massachusetts Labor Condemns 'Cooling-Off' Bill

**CIO, AFL Leaders at House Hearing Assail Compulsory Act Which Would Ban Strike Action; Anti-Sabotage Bill Killed**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, April 11.—Organized labor was out in full force today at the Massachusetts State House to oppose a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored bill which would provide a compulsory 20-day "cooling-off" period in all labor disputes.

Kenneth Taylor, legislative agent for the A. F. of L., attacked the bill as a fascist measure. He said that Senator Stanton of Fitchburg, had attempted to introduce an alternate measure which would impose a \$50,000 fine and a 2 1/2 years prison term for strikers, as well as a 60-day cooling-off period, but this has not been introduced to a public hearing.

Mr. Taylor headed a list of AFL speakers including Mr. Carney of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers; Frank Reel, attorney; Max Hamlin, of the Meat-Cutters, the presidents of the Cambridge and Boston Central Labor Bodies, Joseph Stefani, of the Cooks and Pastry Cooks, and Rose Norwood, of the Women's Trade Union League.

The AFL speakers were followed by CIO representatives from many unions. Mr. Louis Torre of the Marine and Shipbuilders Union told the history of labor law violation by the Bethlehem Steel Co. He showed that it is always the employer and not the workers who refuse to bargain collectively. Mr. Joseph Levin of the Newspaper Guild, as well as Mr. Clive Knowles of the LNPL and other labor leaders spoke against the measure.

## C. F. LEADER SPEAKS

Ann Burlak, secretary of the Communist Party of Massachusetts said that the bill interferes fundamentally with the "inalienable right of workers to protect their jobs and livelihood." Citing the opinion handed down by the Massachusetts Supreme Court in 1906, which defended the right of workers to

strike and picket, she attacked the proposed measure as unconstitutional.

The anti-strike bill was also opposed by former Senator Meaham, and by Rep. Moran, of Somerville. Mr. Moran, whose city houses a Ford assembly plant, gave a rousing defense of the Ford strikers in Detroit and attacked Ford's labor policy.

News was received today that the Anti-Sabotage Bill was defeated in both House and Senate. The Committee on Military Affairs voted "no legislation necessary" on this measure, and the report was accepted by both legislative bodies.

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# Oklahoma War Vets Denounce 'Mockery Of Justice'; Demand Communists Be Freed

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 11.—Protesting the "flagrant violation" of American constitutional rights in the Oklahoma criminal-syndicalism cases, the Coalgate, Oklahoma, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1198 has passed a resolution demanding the reversal of this mockery of justice and complete restoration to freedom of the persecuted.

Robert Wood and Alan Shaw, state and Oklahoma City secretaries of the Communist Party respectively, are appealing from 10-year prison terms and \$5,000 fine sentences on convictions of "criminal syndicalism." Assistant Oklahoma county attorney John Eberle has expressed his determination to bring four other defendants, Ina Wood, Elizabeth Green, Herbert Brausch, and Eli Jaffe to trial April 21. The Coalgate V.F.W. resolution

pointed out that "under cover of war defense hysteria the present rulers of America are systematically subverting traditional democratic principles in order to selfishly salvage their 'house of cards' economy." Signing the resolution were Peter E. Kremp, post commander, and Steve Burleson, adjutant. Coalgate is in the eastern Oklahoma coal fields, where labor is aware of the dangers to its rights in the vicious Oklahoma county persecution of the Communist Party.

The resolution said: "Whereas—Under cover of war defense hysteria, the present rulers of America are systematically subverting traditional democratic principles in order to selfishly salvage their 'house of cards' economy, and  
Whereas—Such a procedure against democratic minority parties was followed by a destruction of trade unions and general civil rights in both Italy and Germany, and  
Whereas—All attempts of

'super patriots' to begin a legalistic campaign of force and violence against any part of the American working people are the methods of home-grown Nazis and as such are a dangerous threat to all labor, organized and unorganized, and to the cherished peace sentiments of 99 per cent of the people.  
We Therefore—Demand the reversal of the mockery of justice in Oklahoma and complete restoration to freedom of the persecuted.

## Ford Strike Wins Union Recognition

Strikers Return to Work on Monday; Company Bargains for First Time in History; Agrees to Hold Labor Board Election

(Continued from Page 1)

Board election which is expected within four weeks since the company has agreed to turn over to the NLRB its payroll lists to aid the election.

Late this afternoon, when news of the settlement broke on the picket line, pickets who had been reading and hearing on the radio all day that a settlement was in the offing started impromptu parades and filled Miller Road, Eagle Pass and other sections around the plant with cheering throngs. Great crowds of workers still stood around the gates discussing the terms.

The workers immediately began planning their union work inside the plant when they return. Leaders on the picket lines were surrounded with workers seeking instructions and getting them. Handshakes there were aplenty. They had done it. Wives came racing to the picket lines in cars to ride the men who licked Ford back to rest and sleep for the first time in nine days and nights.

The strike, which was provoked by the Ford Motor Co. in an attempt to smash the fast growing UAW-CIO, saw these workers, nine-tenths of them never in a union or on a picket line before, win and return with their union recognized by Ford as their spokesman.

### PLAN PLANT DRIVE

Their comments centered on getting their grievance machinery working and starting a plant-wide drive to make Ford's 100 per cent union. Many of them stated that 100 per cent union in the shop means 100 per cent victory in the coming NLRB elections.

By Monday large sections of the plant will be working. The company states that by next Friday all employees will be back to work. The injunction gotten by the Ford Motor Co. against the union was automatically dropped when the strike ended.

After the NLRB election, negotiations will open on wages, hours, and a contract with the company. The NLRB election will also be held at the same time at the company's Lincoln plant, which the UAW-CIO says it has unionized 100 per cent.

The three-point program of settlement was proposed by Governor Van Wagoner. The company agreed to the program with one modification. That was that a NLRB examination on unfair labor practices of Ford shall not open this coming Monday but shall be postponed till after the election. This point, added to the program last night, held the strike over for one more day when the strikers mass meeting in the Coliseum voted to picket till the union committee had time to study this modification.

### AGREE TO POSTPONE

The mass meeting also empowered R. J. Thomas, Allan Haywood and Michael Widman, Ford drive director, and its 13 shop committeemen to call off the strike when this point had been settled.

Today the NLRB authorities in Detroit and Washington agreed that the examination, would be postponed till after the NLRB elections in Rouge and Lincoln plants of the company.

The union already had agreed to a postponement. The groundwork for the settlement was also paved when CIO president Philip Murray came here and conferred with Harry Bennett. The strike, which shook reaction and anti-union forces to their uppers, saw the workers withstand the fiercest red-baiting ever launched against any strike in the last several decades.

Press, radio, courts, the reactionary leadership of the American Federation of Labor, all did their part to defeat this strike.

But new and novel strike measures were developed by these men, many of whom had never manned a picket line. Their famous blockade system that tied up 18 major highways leading into the Rouge plant will never be forgotten by labor. Their tremendous picket lines that stretched for 16 miles in a human wall around Ford's open shop empire will haunt Henry for many a day.

Their wives, who picketed in

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Thousands and who served an average of 45,000 meals a day, will long be remembered.

They fought as a great army of labor against the world's greatest anti-union force.

By the last day of the strike, veteran CIO leaders who visited the strike scene stated that their strike organization had reached a perfection stage.

Today, thoughtful and serious as they were during their great strike, they prepared to march back like a united solid army of native born, foreign born, young, old, Negro and white, into the Alcatraz of open-shopism that they used to work in, but a plant where a union is recognized. And if we know these men, it will be a union that will work 24 hours a day like it did during the never-to-be-forgotten Ford strike.

## Sandhogs to Picket Anew; Merger Is Off

Officials of Local 29 Reject Amalgamation with 147

Picketing may be resumed today or Monday at the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel following the refusal of Rock Drillers Local 29 of the Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union to accept proposals of a merger with the compressed Air and Tunnel Workers, Local 147 of the same organization.

This statement was made yesterday by Hyman N. Glickstein, attorney for Local 147, as work on the Manhattan shaft of the tunnel continued to be struck by Local 147 due to a jurisdictional dispute which began in February.

One thousand members of Local 147, meeting at Irving Plaza Thursday night, voted unanimously to adopt the merger proposals submitted by International president Joseph V. Moreschi at a mediation conference in Washington after the local had agreed to withdraw injunction proceedings against the international union. The proposals included provisions for protection of local autonomy of the scheduled new local.

"This action would have gone through and the dispute settled if a picked clique of Local 29 had not met on the same night and voted down these proposals," Glickstein declared.

"Full responsibility for the continuance of the dispute must now rest upon those Local 29 officials: president Thomas J. Curtis, business agent John J. Miller, and secretary E. E. Williams."

## National Protest Forces Hillman to Ask Hiring of Negroes in 'Defense' Plants

and working conditions on Negro workers.

Determination of "individual skills and aptitudes" of Negro workers is apparently left entirely to the employer.

While there is to be no enforcement machinery attached to the new statement of policy, Hillman told his press conference that he had transferred Robert C. Weaver from the staff of the OPM's labor supply and training section to direct a new section "dealing with the development of programs for the integration of Negroes into the defense effort."

Hillman also announced that he had named Will W. Alexander, former Farm Security Administrator, as a special consultant "concerned with the problems of employment of all minority groups in defense industries through the coordination of field contacts with employers."

In discussing his statement, Hillman said:

"We're leaving out right or wrong. We're interested in this simply as a production problem."

Asked to give specific cases of discrimination against Negroes in "de-

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Widespread protests against employment agencies which advertise for only "Anglo-Saxon" help and discriminate against Jews and other minority groups caused Mayor LaGuardia yesterday to state disagreement with an Appellate Division decision that licenses of such agencies could not be suspended.

LaGuardia said he had ordered the Corporation Counsel to appeal the decision to the Court of Appeals.

The Appellate Division decision upset a ruling of License Commissioner Paul Moss that job agencies specifying they wanted only Anglo-Saxon workers would have their licenses suspended.

"I felt that the implications and dangers involved in such a clearly prejudicial practice have not been fully understood," said the Mayor while stating he had ordered an appeal of the case.

"The Mayor said that 'where there is prejudice, exploitation and low wages follow closely,' but he added:

"Of course, every employer has the right to employ whom he wants, but such offensive language should not be permitted in advertisements of publicly licensed agencies."

He said information showed that the advertisements were "not inspired by Anglo-Saxons but by Nazis, Fascists and narrow-minded bigots."

The Mayor, who is now seeking Irish and Italian support in his third term campaign, said nothing about the widespread anti-Jewish discrimination, but asserted his investigation shows "that the prejudice is directed for the most part against the Irish and Italians."

## NLRB to Hold Biggest Poll of Office Workers

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, April 11.—The National Labor Relations Board will conduct the largest single election of office and clerical employees here next week.

Scheduled to take part in the vote are 1,500 employees of R. L. Polk and Co., Inc., who will decide whether or not they want the CIO United Office and Professional Workers to represent them.

The firm publishes directories for more than 25,000 cities and towns in the nation.

## Workers School to Give Class in Current Events

Milton Howard, Daily Worker editorial board member, will conduct weekly a course in current events at the Workers School, 38 E. 12th St. beginning next Thursday, 7 p.m.

## Lewis Charges Plot to Smash Mine Union as Southern Owners Bolt

Negotiations for Pact Disrupted by Southern Labor-Baiting Bloc as Coal Shortage Beginning to Be Felt, Agreement Was About to Be Signed

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for 88 per cent of the miners had been signed.

Instead, it was revealed that the Northern operators agreed to meet the union's wage demands only on condition that the Southern operators give up the 40-cent wage differential.

The day's developments threw the entire Joint Appalachian Wage Conference out of gear. The rules of the conference provide that decisions must have the unanimous vote of the operators' representatives to take effect.

John R. Steelman, director of United States Conciliation Service, announced that negotiations will recess until 2 P.M. Monday. In the meantime, the union and remaining operators will "decide on what to do," and he will submit a report to Washington.

### BLASTS SOUTHERN GROUP

Charles O'Neill, President of the United Eastern Coal Sales Corp. and spokesman for the northern operators, also issued a sharp blast against the bolting southerners, siding with the United Mine Workers on the differential wage issue and on eliminating the practice of "cheating workers" by use of the reject clause. O'Neill made it plain, however, that the northern operators would not give any concessions unless the South's competitive advantage ends.

Over the names of spokesmen of their 13 associations, the southern operators who employ 150,000 miners, made the claim that a 90-cent a day increase is all they can afford. Concluding, they said: "We are therefore dissolving the conference by withdrawing therefrom."

They also wired to President Roosevelt and to Secretary of Labor Perkins asking immediate certification of the mine situation for the National Defense Mediation Board.

"The mine workers are caught between the upper and the nether mill-stones of this situation," said Lewis. "It will be recalled that on March 12 we offered to keep the mines in operation after April 1 in event an agreement is not reached. That offer was not accepted."

"Later, in continuing the conference we accepted the wage proposals offered by the northern operators representing 55 per cent of the tonnage of the Appalachian area, and the acquiescing tonnage of the outlying areas would have raised it to 68.5 per cent."

"That offer by the northern operators was made contingent on its acceptance by their southern competitors. These southern competitors have now ruptured the conference and have absconded, carrying with

them the equity of the mine workers. Those equities are the right to have a job under a competitive wage situation in the Appalachian area."

"Mr. O'Neill is right when he says the situation was brought about by some three or four gentlemen of the South who are in control of key coal producing companies. These companies enjoy special privileges in wage and working conditions which make their profits very large and enable them to stand the losses incident to their new attempt to smash the union in the South and return again to the feudal conditions which previously existed there."

"It amounts to a brazen conspiracy without regard to the conditions which affect the country."

### LEWIS DEMANDS ACTION

After picturing the manner in which the "conspirators" have disrupted the conference, Lewis placed the demand before the government that action be taken against them.

"The representatives of the northern coal operators and the United Mine Workers," Lewis continued, "have given the government's representative, Dr. Steelman, the full information concerning all the details of the conspiracy, with specific identification of the master minds who are engineering it."

"I assume that information will be reported by Dr. Steelman to the government at Washington."

Lewis then added that there can be no agreement while these northern powerful interests "who call themselves southern coal operators, are holding up the coal industry and nation by the thumbs."

He warned of "a very acute danger" of a coal shortage.

"It will begin to become a acute some time next week when additional blast furnaces are banked," he said, adding that some furnaces were already banked. Lewis further warned that it would take from four to six days after mine operation is resumed to replenish the coal shortage because of the transportation problem.

"Six of the eight representatives in this conference are in agreement upon a contract for a two-year period and are willing to start the mines at once on that basis, when an outraged public opinion drives these absconders back into the conference."

"The conference has been recessed until Monday, 2 P.M., to give the government time to give consideration to this situation and to permit the crystallization of public opinion."

O'Neill, who preceded Lewis with a statement, said in respect to the bolters:

"We regret the withdrawal of the southern operators at the behest of several gentlemen among their number who seek to destroy the Appalachian wage conference. These men, now as ever, have continued to make trouble for the industry and country."

O'Neill then developed the position of the northerners who have long demanded an end to the differential which gives the southern competitors an advantage.

"I charge that the conference is being sabotaged by several well-known southern coal operators in order that they may retain in its whole amount the differential in wages."

O'Neill then significantly made it clear that his statement siding with the UMW on several points is only a matter of good business policy. He emphasized that concessions are contingent upon bringing the southerners into line.

"The northern coal operators' position," he said, "is that they will pay the same scales as their southern competitors and not one cent more."

"If our southern brethren want to continue to cheat and the UMW are willing to permit them to do so, we ask they permit that unsavory privilege also to the north."

The southern operators announced formation of a new association, which they named the Southern Coal Operators' Wage Conference, announcing they intend to meet separately with the NLMU.



### Posters of Protest

are being prepared by Bernard Ber, 16-year-old Bronx student at Townsend Harris High School, to be carried in a student march to City Hall next week, as part of their Easter Week demonstrations against the Mayor's budget cut which threatens the existence of this outstanding scholastic institution. Ber planned on his Townsend Harris course to prepare him for college.

## Pickets to Mass in Day Strike Today

10th Arrest in Guild Strike; Publishers Break Agreement

A general call for all sympathizers and supporters of the New York Newspaper Guild strike against the Jewish Day to turn out at 12:30 P.M. today for a mass picket demonstration in front of the Day, was repeated yesterday as the tenth arrest was made of a picket since the strike began.

In addition to general picketing, today will be women's day on the Day picket line as members of scores of women's organizations, mobilized through a conference held this week, turn out to lend their assistance in defeating the wage cuts and firings which precipitated the strike.

The Day is at 183 E. Broadway. Strike headquarters are at 165 E. Broadway.

Yesterday's arrest was made in front of the Borden Building at 350 Madison Ave., where Jack Weiss, 914 Ave. M, Brooklyn, a sympathizer, was picketing with a Day striker in protest against the Borden Dairy Co's continued use of the Day as an advertising medium.

Police waited until the Day striker left, and then arrested Weiss. Strike spokesmen charge the management is desirous of making a "test" case of a non-striker.

Weiss will appear in Magistrate's Court, 153 E. 57th St., Monday at 10 A.M. for a hearing.

Strikers charge the arrest was aided by Elias Ginsberg whom they assert, has been hired by the Day for the specific purpose of helping police in breaking the strike.

The strike committee reported that the Day management yesterday broke an agreement to meet in negotiations with all the strikers. "By their refusal to meet," the committee said, "the management made certain that the strikers would have to spend the Passover holiday on the picket line."

## Name Garrison To Mediate in Allis-Chalmers

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11 (UP).—The Defense Mediation Board appointed Lloyd C. Garrison, dean of the Wisconsin University Law School, as impartial referee to hear grievances of labor and management at the Milwaukee plant on the Allis-Chalmers Co.

## Argentina Bars Chilean Communist Newspaper

BUENOS AIRES, April 11 (UP).—The Santiago, Chile, Communist newspaper El Siglo, today was barred from circulation in Argentina. The action in banning El Siglo from the Argentine mails was taken by Raul Juliet, Director of Posts and Telegraphs.

### Fire Kills 3

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., April 11.—Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gerow died, and she and a two-year-old daughter narrowly escaped in a fire which destroyed their five-room home here today.

## Townsend Harris Students To Stage 'Sit-In Strike'

Easter Week to See Demonstration Against Threat to Close School; Plan March on City Hall, Students Take Lead in Action

A "sit-in-strike" next Monday is not the only action planned by the boys who go to Townsend Harris High School, preparatory department of City College in their campaign to protest against the "elimination" of their school suggested by Mayor LaGuardia in his budget message last week. Students, declared yesterday that on Monday after school they are going to send a delegation to visit the Mayor, calling upon him to restore to the City's budget the \$300,000 needed for the continuance of their school.

Most dramatic of all, however, will be a march of the entire student body—more than 1,200 boys—to the open hearing of the Board of Estimate where the fate of their school will be decided, on Wednesday. The boys will carry placards, which they have been painting themselves this week, demanding of the city government, "DON'T SCRAP HARRIS."

Plans for these activities, first suggested in a student "Save Townsend Harris Rally" this Wednesday afternoon, in the City College auditorium, 23rd St. and Lexington Ave., were further elaborated by the student council on Thursday, and have received the approval of the school's acting director, Dr. Robert H. Chastney.

Monday's "sit-in" will be carried out with the cooperation of the faculty, which has been waging its own battle for the continuation of the school. The boys and teachers will come to school as usual, at 8:30 Monday morning, although the building would be normally closed for Easter vacation. Classes will retain their usual character. Outside classes and after school, however, activities will be managed by the student government body, the General Organizational Council.

Dr. Chastney told the Daily Worker yesterday with some pride that the dramatic campaign being carried on by Townsend Harris boys is all their own idea. "I was as much surprised as anyone in the city," he said, "when they asked for the building Monday."

## AFL Central Body Joins CIO in Fight To Kill Wicks Bill

Central Trades and Labor Council Opposes Act to Smash Transit Union; CIO Plans Turnout at Albany Hearings Monday on Measure

The powerful AFL Central Trades and Labor Council is on record against the LaGuardia-inspired Wicks anti-strike bill, a measure directed primarily against the CIO Transport Workers Union, it was learned yesterday. Action of the AFL organization, which came as something of a surprise to labor circles here, was taken at a recent meeting of the Council upon the request of Michael Collins, legislative representative of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway and Motor Coach Employees, AFL.

The AFL body is understood to have telegraphed its opposition to Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, who will hold a hearing on the bill Monday. The measure, inspired by Mayor LaGuardia in anticipation of a possible subway strike June 30 when the union contracts with the TWU expire, was jammed through the Legislature in the closing hours of the session.

Amending the old railroad sabotage law, the Wicks bill would make it a crime punishable by a 20-year sentence for a driver to leave a bus "unattended."

AFL action against the measure bears out the prediction of Laborite Assemblyman J. Eugene Zimmer of Troy, sole opponent of the bill in the Legislature, that the measure was harmful to AFL and CIO alike and that both would oppose its enactment into law.

Rumors that President Thomas

J. Lyons of the State Federation of Labor would appear in Albany against the bill could not be confirmed. However, persons close to the situation insisted that Lyons would ask the Governor to veto the measure.

Likewise, City Hall corridor gossip had it that Mayor LaGuardia, who has already said that he would appear in favor of the measure, might reverse himself at the last moment. However, there was no comment on the question from the Mayor's office.

Meanwhile, CIO forces were preparing a huge turnout for the hearing, to be held in the Executive Chamber at the Capitol Monday afternoon. Special cars will be attached to the Empire State express, leaving the Grand Central Terminal at 9 A.M. Monday and delegations of from many unions and civic organizations are expected to be present.

Phillip Murray, CIO national president, has issued a statement flatly backing the TWU in its demand for collective bargaining on the city-owned rapid transit system.



# Easter Week Rising Against British Rule Inspires Erin's Defenders 25 Years After

1916 Uprising Was Blow Against War; People Demand Peace Today

By Art Shields

Easter week has sacred memories in Irish revolutionary history.

During Easter Week, 25 years ago, Irish patriots struck a blow for national freedom that was heard round the world.

Three thousand armed Irish workers and their friends rose against imperialist war, proclaimed the Republic and held the city of Dublin for a week against 20,000 British troops.

A new generation of Irishmen renewed the struggle of their Fenian forefathers in the Easter Week uprising. And the blood of the Easter Week martyrs nourished new revolutions when Churchill's Black and Tans ravaged the island in 1918, '19, '20 and '21.

## LIBERATION NEAR

The memory of Easter Week inspired the war against the murderous Cosgrave Government in 1921, '22 and '23.

Such national freedom as Ireland—the part now called Eire—wrested from Britain, dates back to the Easter Week rising of 1916.

And Irishmen think of Easter Week today as they gird for the defense of their ports against the attack that Churchill is hinting of launching again.

The movement that led up to the Easter Week rising was born in the great Irish transport strike of 1913. Longshoremen and street carmen shut down the works in many cities. They struck in Dublin the first day of Horse Show Week, embarrassing His Majesty's officers, who couldn't get trams to their parties.

You hear old-timers in the CIO Transport Workers Union in New York telling of that.

Starving Irish workers, out of the terrible tenements that Sean O'Casey shows in his plays, shook the empire with the vigor of their strike.

## CONNOLLY LED STRUGGLE

James Larkin and James Connolly—Connolly, the best Marxist writer in the British-owned island at the time—were their leaders.

The workers fought back against the savage attacks of His Majesty's police and formed their own strike defense corps of stalwart longshoremen and tram workers.

That labor defense corps later became the Irish Citizen's Army, with James Connolly at its head.

Connolly's troops began drilling with rifles in 1914, some time before the imperialist world war began. The landlords and factory owners of north Ireland, the same year, were preparing for armed insurrection to overthrow the few liberties that the people had won. Connolly was a deep student of the national question and also of military affairs. He called on the people to rise against the imperialist war.

Writing in the Glasgow Forward, soon after the outbreak of war, he declared:

"The war of a subject nation for independence for its right to live its own life, in its own way, may and can be justified as holy and righteous; the war of a subject class to free itself from the degrading conditions of economic and political slavery, should at all times choose its own weapons... but the war of nation against nation, in the interest of royal freebooters and cosmopolitan thieves, is a thing accursed."

Connolly lauded Karl Liebknecht, the revolutionary German Socialist, for his defiance of "imperial and financial brigades and cowardly trimmers and compromisers."

## PREPARE FOR REVOLT

In his own "Irish Worker," on August 8, 1914, four days after the declaration of war, Connolly began preparing his oppressed countrymen for armed revolt.

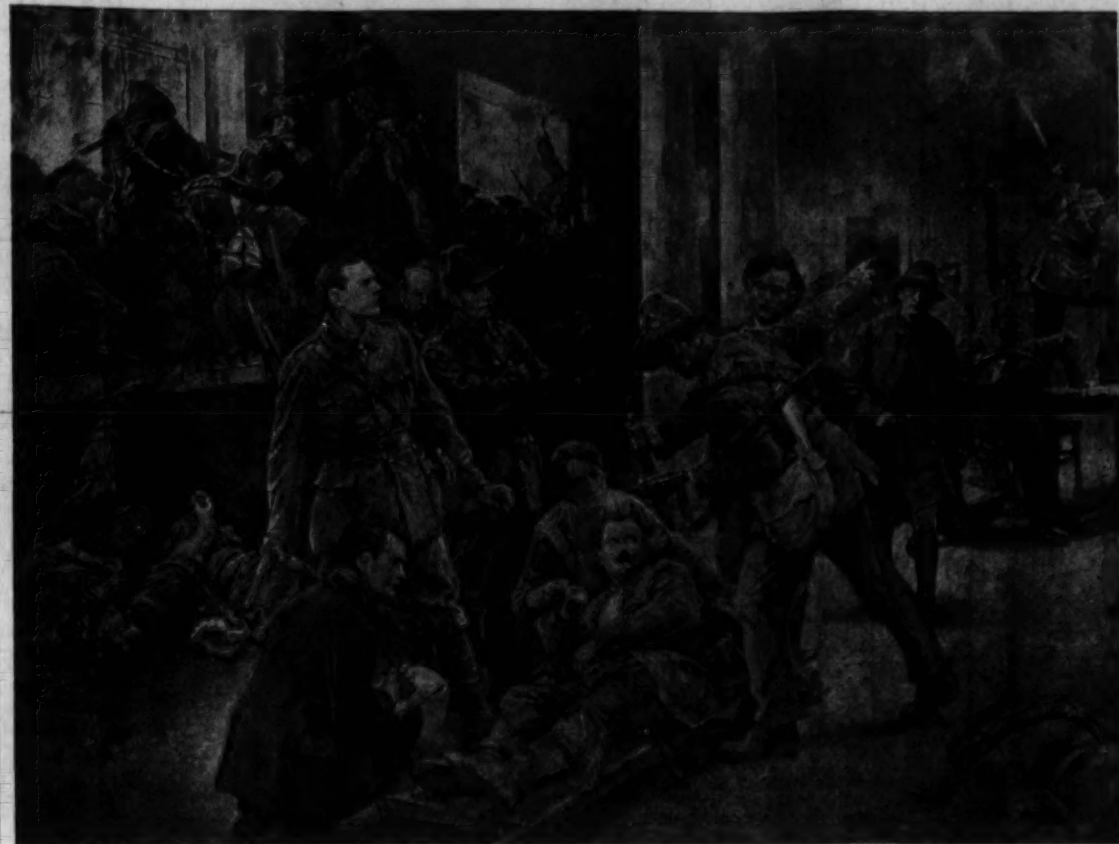
Irish workers would be butchered for British imperialism, he said. Irish workers must get ready to rise. "Starting thus," said Connolly, Ireland may yet set the torch to a European conflagration that will not burn out until the last throne and the last capitalist bond and debenture are shriveled on the funeral pyre of the last war lord."

Connolly became general secretary of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in 1914, when Larkin left for America. As he strengthened the workers' economic organization he built up its military forces at the same time. During 1914 and 1915 he formed a military alliance with the Irish Republican Brotherhood, an outstanding militant nationalist organization.

Leaders, such as Padraic Pearse, the gifted Irish poet, who became the president of the Irish Republic in the Easter Week rising, came more and more under Connolly's influence.

The British Government's intention to conscript Irish manpower in 1918 hastened the uprising. Connolly, who had been taken into the secret councils of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, urged speedy action.

Trusted revolutionists like Pearse, Tom Clarke, who had spent 15 years in British prisons, Sean McDermott and other I.R.B. leaders,



**Wounding of Connolly During Easter Week:** Reproduction from a contemporary print shows the wounding of James Connolly in the Dublin General Postoffice during Easter Week of 1916. The great Irish labor leader, who has just been wounded by a British bullet, lies on a stretcher and continues to direct defenses. While still suffering from his wound, he was taken on a stretcher from his hospital bed on May 12, 1916, carried off to Kilmainham Prison, and shot.

were won to the need for bold action.

## MENIELL'S TREACHERY

But compromising nationalist leaders, outside of the inner I.R.B. circles, but in its mass military organization, the Irish Volunteers, hesitated fatally. The most dangerous of these trimmers was a Professor Eoin MacNeill, Chief of Staff of the Volunteers. Connolly repeatedly warned the masses against MacNeill's vacillating tendencies.

When the decision was made to strike against British rule all over the island MacNeill issued a treacherous order, countermarching the rising.

This treacherous order confused the masses outside of Dublin and left Connolly's Citizens' Army and

the Dublin Volunteers—who disarmed MacNeill—to carry on almost alone.

Three thousand armed men struck in Dublin Easter Sunday. Dublin was in the hands of the Revolution the next day. The Irish Tricolor was hoisted on the Post Office and Pearse, from the steps of the building, announced the formation of the Republic, in the famous proclamation of the Provisional Government, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

"IRISHMEN AND IRISH-WOMEN," began the document: "In the name of God and the dead generations from which we receive our tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us,

summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom."

The Irish Republican proclamation promised full "religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities" to all citizens.

## BRILLIANT LEADERSHIP

Dublin, fighting alone, held out for a week under the brilliant military leadership of Connolly himself.

Connolly's troops raided and sniped at the enemy, inflicting costly casualties. But Britain's 20,000 soldiers, equipped with artillery, gradually pushed forward and the Irish Republicans fell back to fortified buildings.

Republican strongholds, such as the Post Office and the Four

Courts (law buildings), were still scarred from the fighting when a young Irish veteran of the Spanish International Brigade took me around Dublin in 1939.

Connolly, hit three times, directed the fighting in spite of a badly shattered leg.

Paying a tribute to Connolly's leadership, Pearse said in a manifesto to the troops on the sixth desperate day of the struggle:

"If I were to mention the names of individuals, my list would be a long one," said the Provisional President.

"I will name only that of Commandant General James Connolly, commanding the Dublin Division. He lies wounded, but is still the guiding brain of our resistance." (Quoted in Dorothy

## Lenin Hailed Struggle as Profound Social Movement

MacArdie's official history of "The Irish Republic.")

The Post Office was ablaze, while Pearse was writing this tribute. The battle (not the revolution) was being lost. The British army occupied Dublin the next day.

And soon after the butcher war cabinet of Asquith, Lloyd George, of Churchill and Henderson, the Social-Democrat, had their way with the leaders of the Irish Republic.

## BUTCHER LEADERS

Connolly was shot as he sat, propped up in a chair. Butchered too were Tom Clarke, Padraic Pearse, Sean McDermott, Thomas MacDonagh, Eamonn Kent and Joseph Plunkett, the signers of the Republican Proclamation, and several other Republican leaders.

The leaders were slain, but the lives of tens of thousands of other Irishmen were saved. Britain gave up the idea of Irish conscription and no son of Erin would volunteer any more.

The Empire boasted nevertheless that the Republic was dead. But in far eastern Europe the great Lenin hailed the Easter Week uprising, denouncing Karl Radek for an attack on the Irish revolution. Radek called the rising a mere petit-bourgeois "putsch."

Lenin answered that Radek was "monstrously doctrinaire and pedantic." He declared:

"Whoever calls such a rising a 'putsch' is either a hardened reactionary or a doctrinaire, who is hopelessly incapable of picturing to himself a social revolution as a living phenomenon."

"To imagine that a social revolution is conceivable without revolts of small nations in the colonies and in Europe, without outbreaks of a section of the petit-bourgeoisie with all its prejudices, without the movement of non-class conscious proletarians and semi-proletarians masses against the oppression of the landlords, the church, the monarchy, the foreign yoke, etc. — to imagine that is tantamount to repudiating social revolution. Only those who imagine that in one place an army will line up and say, 'we are for socialism' and in another place an army will say 'we are for imperialism,' and believe this will be the social revolution, only those who hold such a ridiculously pedantic opinion could vilify the Irish rebellion by calling it a 'putsch'."

"Whoever expects a 'pure' social revolution will never live to see it. Such a person pays lip service to revolution without understanding what revolution is. . . ."

The misfortune of the Irish is that she rose prematurely, when the European revolt of the proletariat had not yet matured. Capitalism is not so harmoniously built that the various springs of rebellion can immediately merge into one, of their own, without reverses and defeats."

The Irish uprising was a forecast of other revolutions as Connolly predicted.

"Lenin himself, only a year later, showed what would happen," says Brian O'Neill, the Irish historian in his study of the Easter Week rebellion. "Ireland in her own way, from 1918 onward," continues O'Neill, "showed also what would happen."

The forces of the Crown are being driven back on their headquarters by a steadily advancing enemy. The King's Government has virtually ceased to exist south of the Boyne and west of the Shannon."

Prisoners went on hunger strikes. The Irish Labor Party and Trades Union Congress led a powerful general strike for the release of 80 such hunger striking prisoners in

## Churchill — a Name That Spells Terror To the Irish People

British Premier's Black and Tans Left a Trail of Blood and Horror in Ruthless Ravaging of Easter Uprisings; Hated in Erin

Winston Churchill is about the worst man the British Empire could use as its mouthpiece when it demands that Ireland surrender ports and naval bases to the Crown.

Probably no other name arouses such hatred in Ireland today as the name of Winston Churchill who ravaged the green island just after the world war.

Irishmen remember Churchill as the imperialist invader, who left a trail of blood and fire behind the British troops and the murderous Black and Tans he sent against Erin.

The adventurous grandson of the Duke of Marlborough directed that invasion as War Secretary, part of the time, and part of the time as Colonial Secretary in Lloyd George's cabinet.

## A RUTHLESS INVADER

Churchill was as ruthless as a fascist invader is today. His ruffians fired the city of Cork in December, 1920 as a pure act of terror.

They executed prisoners. They raped women, drove suspected Republicans' families out of their houses and burned hundreds of such houses to the ground.

"During the month of January (1920)," says Dorothy MacArdie's official history of "The Irish Republic," "over one thousand raids by the Crown forces . . . were reported by the daily press. In the four weeks of February, raids numbered over four thousand . . . Winston Churchill, in the House of Commons, on February 24, said that it would be necessary to keep 45,000 effective in Ireland during the year."

In 1921 Churchill was promising "real war, not mere bushranging" for the purpose, he said, of getting a "lasting settlement with Ireland" that would remove "the greatest obstacle which has ever existed to Anglo-American unity."

Irish-Americans' support of Irish struggles stymied the British Empire's moves for Anglo-American unity (such as the Churchill-Roosevelt alliance of today). Churchill hoped to win such unity by destroying the Irish nationalist movement.

## TORTURED PRISONERS

Official records tell how the Black and Tans (so called from their khaki coats and black trousers) tortured and murdered their prisoners.

What Churchill hadn't figured on was the amazing determination of the Irish people and their skill at guerrilla warfare.

Irish Volunteers in small, mobile, flying columns of 15 to 20 men, ambushed Churchill's thugs, seized their weapons and dashed back to hideouts in the hills or secret homes in peasant cottages. They burned hundreds of police barracks. They rescued many prisoners.

By May 1, 1920, the reactionary Irish Times of Dublin, admitted that:

"The forces of the Crown are being driven back on their headquarters by a steadily advancing enemy. The King's Government has virtually ceased to exist south of the Boyne and west of the Shannon."

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April, 1920. Mass sympathy effectively aided the Volunteers.

Churchill and Premier Lloyd George were being defeated.

In this emergency the wily Lloyd George struck a blow at Irish freedom that the clumsier Churchill could not have carried through. He split the Irish revolutionary movement, splitting the bourgeois right wing from the workers, poor peasants and patriotic professional.

## CUTS IRELAND IN TWO

The result was the treaty that cut Ireland in two pieces—the Empire ruling the six counties of the north under a separate British government, and controlling the 26 southern counties through the stooge Cosgrave "Irish" administration.

The fight against Cosgrave by the heroic Irish Republican Army in 1922 and 1923 is another story. The defeat of Cosgrave later, and the forced withdrawal of the Empire from the Irish ports is still another.

Today Churchill wants those ports back. He hints at another invasion, but he hesitates to attempt it. He learned a lesson in 1918, '20 and '21.

## Irish Mark Easter Week

Irishmen are commemorating the 25th anniversary of the famous Easter Week uprising against British imperialism today.

Today thousands of patriotic Irishmen and their wives and their children will visit the Dublin Post Office, the Four Courts and the other battle-scenes of Easter Week, 1916, when 3,600 armed Republicans held off 20,000 British troops for a week.

Others will visit the graves of Padraic Pearse, James Connolly, Tom Clark, Sean McDermott and the other leaders who fell before the firing squads of the British war cabinet after the rising was crushed.

And many Irishmen will remember that they owe their lives, as well as what liberties they have, to the brave Easter Week heroes, whose blow for freedom forced the British Government to abandon its plans for Irish conscription.

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## Ireland Fights Imperialist Twins--War and Famine

Irish people today are mobilizing against two major dangers—the dangers of imperialist war and of famine. The war danger comes from Prime Minister Churchill's constant hints that Britain may try to seize the Irish ports she was forced to abandon in 1938.

If Britain gets those ports the land of Eire becomes a bloody battlefield between the armies of London and Berlin. Death will rain from sky bombers and invading troops of two empires will seek to trample the land.

That is Ireland's greatest danger today—a danger that rouses that revolutionary spirit of Easter Week, 1916 in Irishmen's hearts.

## FACES BLOCKADE FAMINE

The second danger is famine, a ghastly famine that may rival the starvation of the black years of 1845 to 1850, when a million Irishmen perished and another million fled abroad.

Ireland faces famine today from a double blockade, the blockade of Britain, which seeks to force the islanders into the war, and the blockade of Nazi Germany. America could easily break this blockade and save Irish children from rickets and hunger. But the Roosevelt Administration serves Churchill's policies instead.

To defeat the menace of starvation the people are demanding that the government seize the vast grazing estates the people used to till years ago.

Under pressure from the masses the DeValera Government is telling the landlords to put another million acres under tillage. The government has made a feeble beginning by seizing a few farms that have failed to produce "reasonable" crops. But DeValera, so far, fears to antagonize the big landlords and bankers by effective action.

Rising mass movements are pushing the government harder. The Communist Party is aiding these mass movements of the people.

Perilous as their situation is, the Irish people can congratulate themselves today that their young men are not dying on foreign battlefields in an imperialist war, as many were dying in the last World War.

In the last World War recruiting for the British armies did not stop till the Easter Week rebellion roused the masses against the imperialists.

But today, 19 months after the outbreak of the second world imperialist war the Irish people are still neutral, and at home.

## Irish C.P. Calls For National Conference

Manifesto Urges Fight for Food, Pay Rise, Against Blockade.

(Continued from Page 2)

to the shoulders of the working people in town and country.

"Resistance to the policy of the government is a duty of all who seek to preserve the country from the horrors of war, and the cold and starvation which the imperialist blockade is inflicting on the people."

"Only independent action by the working-class movement can do this. There are a quarter of a million wage earners organized in trade unions; there are 100,000 jobless; there are thousands of small trades people and farmers. A combined movement of these people could defeat the blockade and the rancher-banker faction, and ensure bread and fuel for the entire population."

"This can not be done by the present policy of the leaders of the working-class organizations. The heads of the trade unions and the Labor parties have abandoned the working people and entered into a combination with Cosgrave and his abettors in the government to keep the workers gagged and their organizations in fetters."

## BREAK THE GAG

"The issue before the working class now is to break this gag and smash the policy of the renegades at the head of the Labor movement. Only working class action—demonstrations in the streets, struggle in the factories, in the trade union branches and through the trade councils will force the government to act."

"Already certain Dublin unions, notably the Trades Council delegates of Dublin, are calling for mass demonstrations and a con-

## POBLACHT NA H EIREANN THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND

IRISHMEN AND IRISH-WOMEN: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which we receive our tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organized and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organization, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organizations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and the unfeudal control of Irish destiny, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The law of usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty; six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, of its liberty, and of its realization among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled in and hereby claims the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority of the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in Trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God. Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no one who serves that cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapacity. In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valor and firm place and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed in Belfast at the Provisional Government.

THOMAS J. CLARKE, SEAN MAC DIARADA, THOMAS MACDONAGH, P. H. PEARSE, EAMONN CENANN, JAMES CONNOLLY, JOSEPH PLUNKETT.

Facsimile (reduced) of the Easter Week Proclamation. It was printed on a small hand press. Shortage of type also made it necessary for the printer to use a wrong font letter "e."

ference of working-class organizations to beat the poverty engulfing the lives of the poor. The Communist Party welcomes such an indication of the path forward for the militant workers' movement. Nothing short of a National All-Party Workers' Conference to discuss the issues facing the working class and the people generally, and to plan action to force the government to line up with the demands of the people, will solve the problems facing the nation.

"Let the militant workers of Belfast and Dublin proceed immediately to the organization of all-in conferences to plan action to mobilize the Labor movement for a fight to end the poverty-stricken conditions of the people in both cities."

"Let such powerful conferences, representing the might of militant Labor, send forward a call for a National Conference of all labor, republican and democratic or-

ganizations, with the interest of the Irish people at heart, to come together to discuss the terrible menace facing this country as a result of the spreading war."

"The Communist Party on behalf of its members and supporters, pledges itself, as part of its contribution to the fight to preserve and extend neutrality and to advance to the full unity and independence of the country, to unceasing agitation and struggle for such a conference, which would decide on an agreed policy for the militant movement in defense of the bread, homes, lives and jobs of the people."

"Issues of life and death face the Irish people. The hour is late, the threat is urgent. It is a matter of honor for all those charged with the leadership of any section of the Labor or Republican movement to see that the common people act to save their country, their homes and their very existence."

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### After Greenland, What Next?

In establishing naval bases at Greenland, the Administration takes still one more step toward the arena of war.  
 Undoubtedly, this move is planned as a stage toward convoys. Greenland will be used as a convoy stop. It pushes the country into the middle of the Atlantic, to the very edge of the recognized war zone. The next move, as it is being apparently planned in Washington, will push the country over the edge.

From Greenland, it is a short hop to Iceland. From Iceland, it is a quick jump to Ireland. Is it planned that Ireland shall be used next as a springboard into the slaughter? Mr. Winston Churchill persistently refers to Irish naval bases in the speeches he addresses to the United States.

It is, of course, an empty formality when it is claimed that the Danish Government "assented" to the building of naval bases. The so-called Danish Government no more represents the Danish people than Hitler's stooges in Denmark do.

What is taking place is that the large imperialist powers are grabbing advantageous military positions wherever they can, and are trampling on the smaller nations which happen to stand in the way. That both sides claim they are doing this with the noblest motives of "protection" doesn't alter the grabbing in the least.

The American people overwhelmingly want to step out of the war. That is, they desire the exact opposite of what the Greenland move implies.

### The City Should Set an Example on Labor Drives

It is now clear that Mayor LaGuardia stands at the head of the union-busting, strikebreaking campaign which the press is conducting against the Transport Workers Union.

But, since when did it become unlawful for government employees, whether civil service or not, to have the right of collective bargaining? In fact, the city administration should set the example to other employers in observing the law of the land, namely the National Labor Relations Act. The Mayor, however, seems to think the transport workers must be subject to any kind of hours, wages and working conditions, and that their only bulwark of protection—the union—must be smashed.

In this, Mayor LaGuardia is acting as a spearhead for the lawless attacks against organized labor in other industries. He is reflecting the reactionary spirit of the employers—and others like the Rapp-Coudert Committee—who are trying to undermine labor from several angles.

The Transport Workers Union has made some exceptionally fine gains for its members and has thus advanced the cause of all unions. And the violence which the Mayor's attitude and the labor-hating press is trying to incite against it, spells danger for unions in other industries. The entire labor movement should answer these attacks with unflinching support to the organized transport workers.

### Townsend Harris—a Warning

Even the Herald Tribune, in an editorial yesterday, opposes the discontinuance of Townsend Harris High School.

But it takes this stand only because there is such a mass uproar in the specific case, that it threatens to expose the whole school-wrecking campaign of the Rapp-Coudert Committee.

The high educational standards and usefulness of Townsend Harris is so well-known that the guillotine, which Mayor LaGuardia has set for it, strikes fear for other educational institutions. The Tribune, however, has nothing to say about the dismembering planned for schools in the Bronx, Queens, Harlem, Brooklyn, the East Side and even for rural schools up-state. It does no editorializing against overcrowded classrooms, school budget cuts, or witch-burnings against distinguished faculty members.

In fact, the Tribune cannot wash its hands so easily of the threatened Townsend Harris calamity. For it is one of the chief rooters for the Rapp-Coudert Committee, in whose destructive band-wagon the Mayor now plainly takes a front seat.

Broad protests by students, parents, labor and public-spirited citizens alone can defeat the wiping out of Townsend Harris. Moreover, they will go a long way toward stopping still further vandalism which, after all, is the prime purpose of Sen. Coudert's red-baiting attacks upon the school system.

### The Tradition of The Easter Rising

One of the most glorious events in the long battles of the Irish people for their freedom from British imperialism was the Easter Rising. The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of this event is tomorrow. In today's issue of the Daily Worker—on page 5—will be found articles commemorating its significance.

The slogan which the Irish people raised on this memorable occasion was against King and Kaiser, and for Ireland's full independence. This brings vividly to mind the present situation of Eire—whose peace and freedom can be served only through complete neutrality against Hitler and the Empire.

Both the Roosevelt and Churchill governments are organizing a blockade which entails hunger and further subjection for the Irish masses. At the same time that these governments prate about democracy, they are working to secure bases in Eire in order to tighten colonial rule over the Irish people. Ireland can teach the world much about the kind of democracy the Empire is fighting for. And the courage of the great leader of the Easter Rising, James Connolly, will serve as an inspiration not only to the Irish people, but to the oppressed everywhere.

It has always been the tradition of Irish Americans to give assistance to Ireland's battle for freedom. A recognition of this tradition today re-emphasizes the obligation to work against the imperialist blockade and to fight uncompromisingly for Ireland's peace and neutrality.

### Truly Frightening

Lady Astor (she owns \$100,000,000 of New York real estate including choice slums) said something significant yesterday (believe it or not).

She said that the "faith which the English people have in him (Churchill) is frightening."

There is something below the surface here.

When this "faith" is shattered by the truth, and the English people get a clear view of what their rulers have done to them, they will settle accounts with the Lady Astors and their fellow parasites in a way that will be truly "frightening"—to them. For a people's Britain will give to the masses the bread and freedom of which the Astors rob them.

Is that what haunts the Lady Who Owns the Slums?

### The British Empire Looks for a Formula

Already British imperialism is searching for a fancy way to substitute its own mastery over the Ethiopian people, for that of Italian imperialism.

The early edition of the New York Times yesterday carried a story from a writer on the London Times who revealed, undoubtedly, what is going on in the minds of the Churchill government. Couched in the typical weasel words of the British ruling class, the story said:

"It is possible to believe that the independence of Ethiopia must be restored and yet to face the fact that the Emperor (Haile Selassie) will need much help in re-establishing order. . . . We shall be in practical control, yet for obvious reasons anything resembling a British protectorate is out of the question. Might we not, therefore, arrange with the Emperor that he should accept from the first some non-British advisers? . . . If, after the war, some international organization is set up, with any British colleagues, could pass into its service."

(Perhaps what the writer had in mind was some "non-British" adviser like an official of the Canadian or Australian governments.)

As the Daily Worker warned in an editorial two days ago, the British empire is no more fighting for the freedom and independence of small nations than Hitler is. Having sold Ethiopia down the river twice before, it has now become a main obstacle to this Negro nation's independence.

But Ethiopia did not fight against the yoke of Mussolini only to become another South African slave pen for the crown. The full independence of Ethiopia should be recognized now—not in the distant future. And the Negro people of America and freedom-lovers everywhere will support Ethiopia to this end.

### More Letters Wanted

The correspondence from workers, which we publish on Monday's and Thursday's, has not only been of general interest to all our readers, but has helped union organization in the communities from which the letters are sent.

We want more such letters from workers in all industries. In particular, we invite workers in the heavy industries to write—steel workers, miners, auto and rubber workers.

For these are the industries where today the profits are the highest, where speed-up is the greatest, and where the employers are most concerned with disrupting the unions and blocking further organizational growth.

Such letters will help the workers to strengthen their unions and to improve the general life of their communities.

### Both Going Up



by Gropper

### FRUITS OF MR. CURRIE'S VISIT

Since the visit to Chungking by Lauchlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, the Kuomintang's attacks against the unity of the Chinese people have been intensified.

If Currie had wanted to aid democratic China, he could very well have done so. Instead, another alarming flare-up of the Kuomintang's reactionary and splitting policies has taken place, and more ominous still, the Roosevelt Administration is seeking to make Chiang Kai-shek its stooge. Currie's mission was obviously in the interest of American—and British imperialism—and not in the interest of the Chinese people and their heroic resistance against the Japanese invaders.

As could be seen from the vivid and highly important dispatch from Hongkong, on page 2 of this newspaper last Wednesday, Chiang Kai-shek's persecutions of the people's armies—which began with the cold-blooded slaughter of Fourth Route forces—are going on apace. The Kuomintang has promulgated a new economic program—which smacks of Wall Street concoction—to suppress the people's struggle to improve their dreadful living conditions. War against

the Communist Party has sharpened.

More than once the great mass of democratic Americans have shown their sympathy with the Chinese people and are wholly opposed to Chiang Kai-shek's attempts to split the national front in China. The Chinese People's Armies, together with the great material aid of the Soviet Union, have been the backbone of China's amazing resistance, and the Communists have been the most effective organizers of Chinese unity.

On the other hand, the collection of new "friends" of China—among them Currie and Willkie—are trying to organize disaster for China in the form of a super-Munich sell-out of their national independence. They want to make an imperialist colony of China, not to have it free and independent.

In the face of this situation, it is clear that China's salvation can come about only through full assistance to her unity and defense, an embargo on war materials to Japan, and the people of the United States should put a halt to the effort of American imperialism to dominate and split the Chinese people.

### Letters from Our Readers

#### Dad Never Missed Reading "Daily"—Writes Daughter of Defendant

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 I am writing you for my father. We know that his subscription to the Daily Worker expired, but we cannot renew it because my father is one of the 28 Pittsburghers held in jail for collecting signatures on petitions to put the Communist Party on the ballot. Now that he is in jail, there is no money coming in so we simply cannot renew for him. He told us that each one of them gets a "Daily" every day. We are glad to hear that because Dad never missed reading it. I am sure that as soon as Dad is released and he begins to work he will renew his subscription for his paper.  
 HELEN SKRITCH.

#### Dorothy Thompson's Cure—Her Master's Brand

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 Like capitalism, whose servant and mouthpiece she is, Dorothy Thompson is full of inconsistencies and contradictions. In her column in the New York Post of April 2, she attempts to analyze the labor situation and its complicating factors. Pointing to Communism as one of such complicating factors, she proceeds to pour out an avalanche of slander, lies and accusations, never stopping to give a single fact in support of her charges.  
 And then she offers the following cure: "If we would get clear in our heads we would know what to do about Communism. First, we would design a democratic social and economic program that would attract the really honest people who rightfully consider that plenty of things are not so good in Denmark, and we would go after the Communist Party." etc.  
 So, dear Dorothy, you admit that "plenty of things are not so good in Denmark." But what kind of a "democratic social and economic program" would you

"design" that would "attract" the "really honest rebels." Surely, you do not mean the socialization of all the industries for the benefit of all the people. For, that would be Socialism—the very thing the Communists have been clamoring for all these days. Besides such a program would be against the interests of your capitalist masters who hire you and pay you. More likely, you mean a program that would "go after the Communists," first, then after the labor movement as a whole and all the progressive people until the job of Hitlerizing America would be completed.  
 For that is the only way you and your kind earn your miserable livelihood.  
 A READER.

#### Movie Audience Sits On Hands During FDR Speech

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 The late poll of Dr. Gallup said that most of the American people were behind the war. I disagree with the doctor. In New Orleans I attended a movie where about four hundred people packed the theatre. When President Roosevelt's speech on "all aid to Britain" was flashed on the screen, not one person applauded. This gives the lie to Dr. Gallup's Poll.  
 T. K.

#### Our Apologies

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 May I call your attention to the map which was published in the April 8 issue apparently reversing the USSR-Rumanian Boundary Commission's decision and the cession of Bukovina and Bessarabia back into the bloodstained hands of the Iron Guardist murderers of Rumania.  
 As a Bessarabian worker who suffered under the iron heel of the Rumanian landlords and bankers, I demand that my people liberated by the Soviet Power are maintained in their present happy condition. En-

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

### READERS' DAY

#### SPRING THOUGHTS

Spring is here  
 My number's low,  
 I'm Class 1A  
 And slated to go.  
 A family and  
 A sweetheart too,  
 A job, a life—  
 The same as you.  
 Spring is life,  
 And this May Day  
 I want to march—  
 But not away.  
 That path is death,  
 Deferment here;  
 In the ranks of Spring  
 I volunteer.

ARCHER.

May Day comes but once a year  
 But in our heart it's always here.

Helen Lurye, age 13.

On May Day the workers will take their stand  
 To make a free and better land.

F. Jaffe, age 13.

When Cordell Hull spoke of the increasing number of nations becoming aware of the movement of world conquest, could he have been referring to the way South Americans and Canadians feel when they see Wall Street grabbing naval bases?  
 Al L.

To every worker I pen this ditty:  
 Support the United May Day Committee.

B. B.

#### GET OUT AND STAY OUT

(Tune: "There's a Tavern in the Town")  
 We refuse to lend or lease (lend or lease!)  
 Our democracy and peace (our peace!)  
 Let's unite our voices in a mighty roar:  
 Get out and stay out of this war!  
 Roosevelt wants our boys to die  
 For Wall Street's profits piled up high;  
 But from the people comes the cry:  
 That's not democracy!

They financed Hitler's mad career (mad career!)  
 They plot to plant his system here (system here!)  
 Let us close our ranks and shout from shore to shore:  
 Get out and stay out of this war!

They tell the people: sacrifice (sacrifice!)  
 Why don't they take their own advice (own advice?)  
 Let's unite our voices in a mighty roar:  
 Get out and stay out of this war!  
 They betrayed Republic Spain.  
 Brave China called for help in vain;  
 And Ireland chafes at Britain's chain.  
 Is that democracy?  
 Shall our boys be shipped to die (shipped to die!)  
 To make a monstrous new Versailles (new Versailles?)  
 Let us close our ranks and shout from shore to shore:  
 Get out and stay out of this war!

R. W.

On May Day the officials of ILGW and Amalgamated  
 Will find their tactics with the rank and file outdated.  
 Fur Merchant Employe.

John D. is a religious man,  
 Believes in Heaven after life's span.  
 What is Heaven to John D?  
 Motorized angels buying Socony.  
 L. K.

From the unhappiest of nations to the bright Soviet  
 Land,  
 The people on May Day will march hand in hand.  
 Bernard R.

OPM Director Knudsen is the fellow who came back from Nazi Germany with glowing reports of a "20th century miracle." Judging by his latest tricks he hankers to be a miracle-maker himself.  
 F. ANTICO.

closed please find \$1 donation to the Daily Worker fund.  
 V. G.

Editor's Note:—The map of the Balkan States referred to above was one which was made before Bukovina and Bessarabia became part of the Soviet Union. The Daily Worker apologizes to V. G. for the lack of an up-to-date map.

#### Congratulations for Publication of Early Editorials of Browder

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 I want to take the occasion to congratulate you on the publication of those "Early Editorials by Browder." Perhaps, many people hadn't realized how keen Browder was even then!  
 B. F.

#### Wants Financial Backers of "Union Now" Investigated

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 Strange that the Dies Committee does not investigate to determine who are the financial backers of the movement known as the "Union Now" with the British Empire.

The bleating of those who favor such a movement smacks much of treason. Yet, those in high places, find it not only convenient not to denounce that conspiracy but, by their very silence, in that respect, give tacit approval thereof.

The British Empire is symbolized by a figure of a lion. In this connection, the U. S. A. could very well be symbolized by a figure of a lamb.  
 What deception and trickery are foisted upon the unthinking by those fakery who dwell on the presumed virtues of the British democracy, so-called.  
 Truly, the British Empire bears as much contrary relationship to democracy as does that of black to white.  
 J. A. G.



## CHANGE THE WORLD



Mike Reports on the  
Intellectual Advance  
Of Four-Year-Old Nicky

By MIKE GOLD

FURTHER reports by a Pop on the intellectual advance of his four-year-old fireball:

A friend who likes kids took Nicky out the other day for lunch in a restaurant. This is a rare treat for him. I guess it makes him feel important and a recognized member of the grown-up world.

He was properly elated, with that glow all over his face that always reminds me of Robert Minor.

When Bob meets something he likes, a bit of good working class news, a fine painting, a well-told story, a loyal comrade, his smile is memorable. It is no mere mediocre facial movement, but something that comes up from his abysses. Every atom of his big body is stirred, and rushes its forces into that smile.

Suddenly, night deflated, flies from the Rocky Mountains. The sun comes up like a thousand-gun salute to life. A million birds go crazy, and shaggy old pine forests dance in the dawn-wind. From all over the happy world comes the joyful chorus of workers breaking chains in revolution.

Which is Bob's smile. It is more truly than any puny Hollywood film, colossal. Michael Angelo must have smiled that way. This is the smile of one who is a genius because he has a great appetite for life, and loves and hates powerfully, not like Caspar Milquetoast, the little bourgeois who plays safe.

But there—I am not only digressing, but am taking an unexpected aeroplane flight. Back to Nicky. What I meant to say is, that since babyhood he has had a whole-hearted, big smile, and it has pleased me to believe it is like Bob Minor's.

So here is Nicky in the restaurant, pleased as Punch. His friend gets the menu and reads him the list of possibilities. Nicky selects his favorite dish—chicken. The order is placed, and then the awkward interval of waiting for the waiter begins.

Nicky's date, to tide it over, and to make encouraging conversation, asks:

"Are you hungry, Nicky?"

"No," he answers her.

"What, not really hungry?"

He thinks this over carefully. Then he says:

"No, not really hungry. Just chicken-hungry."

I like this evidence of self knowledge and of honesty in the use of words. I have met many Communists who had this kind of hunger. They were indifferent about the usual bourgeois rewards; weren't hungry for money, the latest car or radio, publicity in the papers, and all those things. They were socialism-hungry, justice-hungry. Milquetoast is incapable of such single-tracked hunger, so he thinks it shows a narrow mind. But maybe it is a form of genius. Anyway, I hope Nicky will always be chicken-hungry about life and its possibilities, as big and hungry as Bob Minor has always been, for instance.

I do not believe it wise to stuff doctrines into a child. Wait until he asks you a question. Then answer it briefly and truthfully. Use as little preachiness and didacticism as possible. Children learn faster and better through entertainment. That means, you must teach them with images, not with abstractions.

As I have previously reported, Nicky has learned that everything in the world is made by workers. It was simple to teach him this; because like all children, he is always asking questions like: Who made that house? Who made this cake? Who made the ferry-boats?

Answer: the Workers.

Recently, he has reached beyond this, and has been asking who made the sky? Who makes the grass grow? Who makes the wind?

The answer here has been: Nature.

But a little playmate who has been taught otherwise, has been passing on her own doctrine to Nicky, and has set up a new series of questions regarding sky, wind and grass.

Nicky came home one day and said, with much feeling:

"Do you know something, Mike?"

"No, what is it, grasshopper?"

"God is very, very kind."

"God? Who is God, Nicky?"

"He is a big man, big up to the sky, and he made everything. Linda told me that."

"I see. Did Linda tell you why God is kind?"

"Yes. He puts all the good children in the sky. The bad children he puts into a big fire and burns them."

"I see. Do you think burning children is very kind?"

"I don't know."

"Well, think it over. Would you want me to burn you if you were bad?"

"No."

"Just think it over then. And by the way, how did Linda know there was a God?"

"She saw him."

"What?"

"Yes, Mike, she really saw him. He was on a big picture in her church."

This stumped me. After all, a picture is as convincing to a child as the real thing. I could not deny a picture. I decided to drop the matter and not make it seem too important. But I asked a last question of Nicky:

"By the way, Grasshopper, who made that picture?"

"The workers," he answered, promptly. Let's leave it at that for a while.

## Stage Notes

Tonight is Night Club Night for the American Youth Theatre. A floor show, with Phil Leeds as Master of Ceremonies and Betty Garrett as hostess is the feature of a gala Easter party, which is in the nature of a farewell to "Ain't It the Truth?" the popular AYT revue. The party will begin at 9 P. M. at Malin Studio, 133 West 44th Street.

Meantime, the American Youth Theatre is busy rehearsing "You Can't Sleep Here." Blocks of tickets are available for the April 25 and May 11 performances, and individual tickets for all dates. Reservations may be made with Sylvia Seigler, 35 East 30th St., MU 4-0978.

Inasmuch as the 125th performance of "Meet the People" falls on this Saturday's matinee, the boys and girls of the cast have organized a picnic in Central Park between performances by way of a celebration. A telephone call to the United States weather bureau revealed the fact that the sun will set officially at 6:32 which will give them an hour and a half to romp on the greens and clutter up the lawns with sandwich wrappings.

On Sunday evenings, April 20 and 27, at 8:45 P. M., Helen Tamiris and group will give the first performance of a new suite for soloist and group, called "Liberty Song." The dance

## Plays for Vets



Dick Messner and his twelve piece orchestra will furnish the dance music at the Lincoln Veterans' basketball game and dance tonight at the Royal Windsor.

## Trust Busters Ignore Big Five

## Hays Organization Protects Monopoly Profits of Hollywood Corporations

[This is the second in a series of three articles on "Imperial Hollywood."]

By Charles Glenn

When Wall Street took over in Hollywood, the financial and moral structure of the industry was more or less taken care of by institution of the "Hays office," the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors Association. The MPDPA, contrary to public opinion, is more than a moral body. Listen to the remarks of an investigating group of the temporary National Economic Committee:

"The Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., better known as the Hays organization from the political figure employed to be its head, is an illuminating example of the co-operation of large business units for self-protection. It is today supported exclusively by the large companies. It was conceived in fear of regulation of the industry by the public and dedicated to the proposition that outsiders should never dictate its policies."

The Hays organization is dominated and controlled by the "Big Five," Paramount, M-G-M (Loew's), RKO, Warner Brothers, 20th Century Fox, and by the "Little Three," Columbia, Universal and United Artists. So what are they protecting their organization?

In the years 1935-40, Paramount announced profits of \$28,175,102. Columbia, in 1939-40 earned \$9,579,874 in net profits.

Warner Brothers after years of "losses" (with few decreases in major salaries) took a profit of \$2,747,472 in the fiscal year of 1940. In this year with all the talk of retrenchment, and loss of foreign markets, Warners have taken in the first quarter a profit totaling almost half of the 1940 net, \$1,276,316.

20th Century-Fox since 1935 has earned around 30 million dollars. Keep these figures in mind. Reconcile them with the fact that 20th Century Fox's Darryl Zanuck has been appointed a Lieutenant-Colonel in charge of "national defense" pictures; that Paramount is leading in the production of war films; that Warner Brothers have formed the Warwets, a vigilante organization.

## Profits Need Protection

Oh yes, one more point... There is reason to believe that at some of these companies (probably all of them) the Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation and the Dies Committee have regularly assigned men at work. Profits need protection.

As to monopoly practices in the industry, the TNEC report said that the "Big Five" took 70 per cent of ALL revenues while the "Little Three" took 26 per cent. The "Big Five" are engaged in all spheres of the industry, production, distribution and exhibition.

In exhibition, the "Big Five" control only 2,800 of 17,000 theatres or 16 per cent. But: They collect 83 per cent of the total revenues from the theatres. In the 400 largest cities of America, there are 1,390 first run theatres. Of this number, 638 or 61 per cent are operated by one of the "Big Five." Major power is concentrated where the largest industrial population... is concentrated.

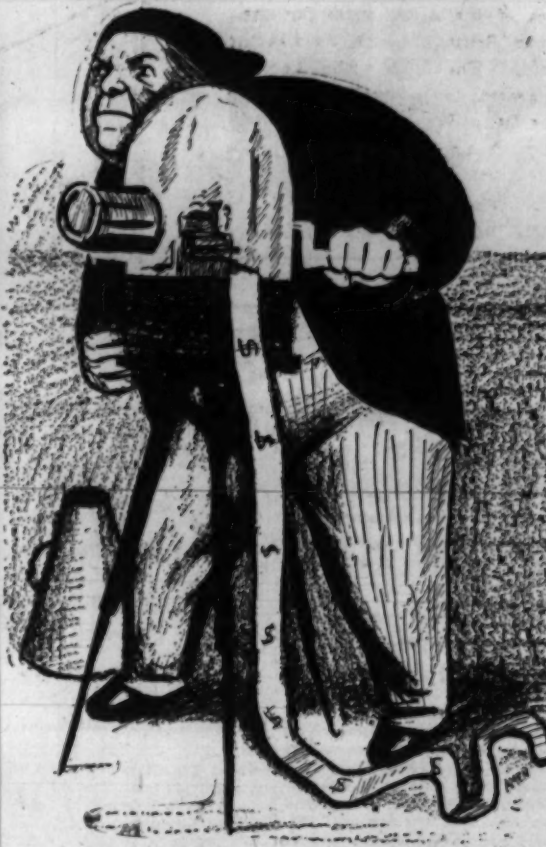
A recent "consent decree" signed with "trust buster" Thurman Arnold and the Department of Justice did nothing about the monopoly, merely straightened out the matter of "blind selling" and "block booking" with the independent exhibitor. It did not break or attempt to break the monopoly control of the "Big Five."

Paper Losses

Despite the age of many of our first-run theatres, not one major first-run theatre has been opened in the United States since the opening of the Radio City Music Hall in 1932.

It is in exhibition where the industry claims paper losses. However, the small, independent exhibitor, also going broke or is playing so close to the board that an economic pause might prove fatal to him. His houses are often empty because of a poor picture for which he must pay a set scale.

And yet, despite this "squeeze" in exhibition, millions of Americans are unable to see any kind of film at any time, certainly they don't.



It's a "shooting script," alright!

see the first runs. The Motion Picture Producers and Distributors Association estimates 80,000,000 Americans go to the movies every week. This is a guess and our guess is as good as a producer's.

A great many of these 80 million are school children whose parents unable to see a picture, can squeeze a dime a week for a Saturday matinee.

In 1929, admission prices averaged 30 cents. 1933-35, the average was 20 cents. During the days of the New Deal, admission prices started up and in 1938 and 1939 they averaged 25 cents. In 1940, the average climbed to 25 cents and it's still going up.

Many "average Americans" cannot afford to pay an average of 25 cents a head for a show? Well, there you have it... a great potential audience, a crying

## U. S. History Subject of New Lecture Series

The New Masses Readers League announces that it has planned a new series of lectures which will be called "Rediscovering American History" to be given by Herbert Aptheker, noted American historian and specialist in rank and file movements in American history. The series which will be given at the Malin Studios, 133 W. 44th St., consists of six lectures and will run from April 12 to May 17 inclusive.

The dates and titles of the lectures are as follows: April 12, Jeffersonianism; April 19, The Jacksonian Era; April 26, Slavery and Political Parties; May 3, The Civil War; May 10, Reconstruction; May 17, Origin of Modern American Imperialism.

The history lecture series differs greatly from the kind of history found in the text books or the class rooms of the American school system. Mr. Aptheker, instead, will present an analysis of the forces that developed America from the 17th Century to date that will help greatly in an understanding of the traditions in this country. The entire series will cost \$125, for members of trade unions \$1. The cost per lecture is 25 cents. Orders for the series can be placed with the New Masses, 461 Fourth Ave., Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13th St., and the Bookfair, 133 W. 44th St. The first lecture in the series will be given today at 2:30 P. M.

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## A Useful Pamphlet But Not in Mr. Bevin's Way

LABOR IN THE WAR, by John Price. Penguin Special, 35 cents.

Mr. Price, who is the secretary of the Political Department of the Transport and General Workers' Union of England declares that:

"Organized labor will henceforth be satisfied with nothing less than full partnership in the State."

And it would appear from his concluding pages that British capitalism, through the columns of *the Times*, has already been convinced of this claim. So that there is no longer any need for the workers to come together in trade unions "as centers of resistance against the encroachments of capital..." nor to use "their organized forces as a lever for the final emancipation of the working class, that is to say, the ultimate abolition of the wage system." *Value, Price and Profit*, Karl Marx.)

The object of the author, as a reformist theoretician, would seem to be to convince those of the ruling class who feel that the trade union movement is not making big enough sacrifices in the "national effort"; and secondly, to refute the arguments of those in the trade union and labor movement who "sincerely or otherwise" claim that the labor and trade union leadership have sold the pass.

Ernest Bevin, who writes a short introduction to this booklet, states that "the more works of this character are written the greater will be the realization of the tremendous revolution going on around us." Yes, Mr. Price has done us at least one service. He has done us a very full record of all the Orders in Council dealing with trade union and economic questions, etc., and laid out all the advisory and other government committees on which the trade union movement has representatives. And as you go through them you are obliged to wonder if there are any trade union officials left to do anything else but serve on these committees.

Apart from that, however, there are also many quotations of speeches and statements by Tory and labor politicians. But why of all the material to support his case did Mr. Price find it necessary to quote Sir Samuel Hoare's statement in moving the Second Reading of the Emergency Powers (Defense) Act, 1939:

"I am prepared to give an undertaking, which is set out in the clauses of the Bill, that we do not intend to deal with labor questions under Defense of the Realm Regulations at all."

And not satisfied with that to go on and state: "The trade union rights of the workers, however, remained untouched. In support of this Sir Walter Citrine has quoted No. 1A of the Defense Regulations, which provides that a person shall not be guilty of the offense of interference with persons in His Majesty's Service by reason only of his taking part in, or peacefully persuading any other person to take part in a strike."

True it will show that Bevin was prepared to do, and did, what Tory ministers undertook that we do not. True it will convince the members of the ruling class of the usefulness of reformist labor leaders as ministers. But Mr. Price, in a popular-priced *Penguin*, No. 1, fear that it is a mistake for your "cause" to put such statements in the hands of the rank and file trade unionists who have to bear the brunt of the new sell-out of the leadership. Much more could be said about Mr. Price's effort, for instance, his quoting the Webbs on the last war and how the "trade unionists" read

## MOTION PICTURES

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# Harvard Fight on Jim Crow Cracks Boston Papers

Campaign Takes Up Where NYU's Left Off—  
Pointed Question to F.D.R., Commander of  
Navy and Graduate of Harvard, on  
Discrimination at Annapolis

The tremendous anti-Jim Crow wave sweeping the Harvard campus as a result of the banning of a Negro lacrosse player from the Harvard-Navy game at Annapolis, Md., last Saturday in reaching into many corners and even cracking into the Boston press.

Harvard students and faculty members are staging such a dynamic campaign against the Jim Crowing of Lucien Alexis, Jr., that newspapers such as the Boston Globe and the Boston Transcript have been forced to devote much space to the struggle.

New York dailies, which have given scant attention to the fight at NYU, please copy.

Victor O. Jones, a columnist in the Globe, declared that the action of Harvard Athletic Director William J. Bingham, in assailing the demands of the Navy to withdraw Alexis, "goes against all concepts of loyalty and makes a mockery of such ideals as sportsmanship, teamwork and college spirit. . . . It takes the loss of a lot of our naturally fine instincts to rationalize away that feeling and that's just what every Northern college does when it benches a Negro to suit the customs of a Southern opponent."

Jones then directed a telling dart straight at the Roosevelt Administration, which is responsible for much of the Jim Crow in the United States through its support of discrimination in the army and in industry, and its dependence on poll-tax and lynch-law Congressmen.

"I wouldn't know," Jones wrote, "where the Navy—now being doubted for the protection of the dignity, as human beings, of every individual, no matter what his race or color—gets off in adopting Jim Crow concept towards a lacrosse game. That's something which may be F.D.R. as a Harvard grad, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and its present Commander-in-Chief may be interested in."

He might have added that if the views of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt on the struggle against Jim Crow at NYU are any criterion, F.D.R.'s "interest" in fighting the Harvard action would be indeed slight.

Mrs. Roosevelt recently criticized

# Indians to Win A. L. Flag—Rodney

## DAILY WORKER

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1941

### ROUND UP:

REISER, REESE, CHI. SCAB AND OUR MR. TERRY

Childe Haroldes O. K.; Lee Gets Business—Terry Talks \$\$\$\$

Although Brooklyn's two "Childe Haroldes" Reese and Reiser, are laid up with injuries, Dodger fans need not worry. Pee Wee's ankle, heavily taped after he injured it in Baltimore Wednesday, isn't preventing him from working out. He'll start against the Giants opening day.

And Reiser, who pulled a muscle in his side in Thursday's Yankee game, will merely have to rest for several days. Serious injuries to these two youngsters, of course, would cast a heavy pall over the Gowan.

BILL INTERESTED MORE IN DOUGH

DIAMOND DOINGS: Bill Terry frankly admits that he expects the Giants to "do all right financially," but that he can't say how they'll make out in the pennant race. . . . which is confessing that Giant fans have been complaining about for a long time. . . . That Terry is probably more interested in the box office than in the boxscore. . . .

LEWIS TO ARMY

Buddy Lewis, Washington's capable young third-sacker, will be inducted into the army about May 16. . . . His loss will be a heavy blow to Washington's fading Senators. . . . Will Washington again be first in war, last in peace, and last in the American League? . . . If F.D.R. has his way, the old adage can again be dashed off. . . .

RAW DEAL TO CUB HOLDOUTS

The Chicago Cubs seem determined to start the season without the services of two of their best players, Bill Lee and Hank Leiber. Ex-Hearst scab Jim Gallagher, now Cubs general manager, has the admitted backing of his millionaire boss, P. K. Wrigley, in salary arguments with Bill and Hank, the last holdouts of the memorable Cub Strike. . . . Lee was asked to take a cut from \$17,500 to 10,000, which the star hurler refused to do. . . . Gallagher is out to crush Lee's resistance, and said yesterday he will not again confer with Bill, who is in the Windy City. . . . Leiber is sticking to his Arizona ranch. . . . Both undoubtedly have the sympathy of their mates, who fought salary cuts bitterly this spring. . . .

NO YANK, GIANT GAMES ON RADIO?

The Giants and Yanks haven't arranged for radio sponsors for their games yet, and right now the prospects aren't bright for New York fans to hear the contests. No cereal, soap, or cigarette manufacturers seem willing to pay the reputed \$150,000 being asked by the clubs, who work together, for broadcast rights. Dodger games are already being aired with Red Barber and Al Heiler at the mike. None of the clubs, of course, would think of broadcasting their games unless they are paid plenty.

Paul Waner looks really fit. Can't

## Yanks Rally to Stop Dodgers 7-6, Keller Hits 2

13,000 Turn Out to Greet Teams at Ebbets Field—Medwick, Gordon Also Connect as Dodger Streak Ends

Thirteen thousand and ninety-seven fans turned out at Ebbets Field yesterday to greet the Dodgers and Yankees. They saw the Stadiumites rise up suddenly in the seventh

inning to blast Tex Carleton for two prodigious home runs and go on to win the ball game, a second one by Charles Keller, 7-6, breaking the Dodgers' 11-game winning streak and four in a row over the Yanks. They saw Ducky Medwick keep up his sensational home run pace with a blast into the lower left field seats. They saw Phil Rizzuto make his debut in a major league park with three errors. Joe DiMaggio ran his record for hitting in consecutive games to 17, and Whit Wyatt showed that he is ready for the opener against the Giants Tuesday with a brilliant three-inning stint.

Just to prove that it was still Brooklyn, they saw a furious free for all fight between one of Larry MacPhail's green clad ushers and a couple of customers who leaned over the rail to pick a ball off the diamond. The sturdy resistance of the fans brought the biggest cheer of the day and the cop who threw them out got a raucous boogie that held up the game.

THEN CAME KELLER

Up to the seventh it looked like another Dodger victory despite the absence of Reese and Reiser. The Yanks had made only three hits till then, two of them in the first when DiMaggio's single sent Blair, who had walked, to third on Gordon's trickler down the third base line tallied the run. The Dodgers scored two in their half as a very wild Russo gave four walks, and a hit by Medwick.

In the fifth Walker walked for the second time and Medwick poked Bruer's first pitch on a line into the seats. A couple of walks by Fitz, who went the middle three, and a bad throw by Owen on Keller's theft of third gave the still feeble Yanks a second run in the sixth. The Dodgers made it an apparent 5-2 in their half on Owen's long double to the left field corner and pinch hitter Waddell's single to right.

Tex Carleton took over and the Yanks exploded. Rizzuto walked and stole second. Selkirk was hit by a pitch. DiMaggio forced Selkirk at second. Keller then unloaded a tremendous hoist to dead center that dropped into the seats at the 407-foot mark. Gordon followed with a prodigious line blast into the upper left field seats and the Yanks were ahead and looking like their old selves again.

Bill Swift put out the fire till the ninth when Keller came up again and almost drove a hole through the screen above the scoreboard for another round tripper. Spud Chandler finished for the Yanks and the Dodger streak was over.

Paul Waner looks really fit. Can't

## TONITE! — THE BIG GAME FOR SPAIN VETS

Rennies Meet Star Pros in Feature Game of Double Header

One of the greatest basketball games of all time for one of the best causes in the world.

That's what fans who crowd into the Royal Windsor tonight will see. Taking the floor in the feature game of a doubleheader for the benefit of Spanish refugees and prisoners of Franco will be the Renaissance, crack professional Negro cagers, opposing an All-Star professional Dream Team.

To make the evening perfect, the first contest will pit the two recent finalists for the Trade Union Athletic Association "B" crown in a return version of their staling title clash.

The Fur Merchants, who nosed out the Drug Clerks 43-38 a few weeks ago, will try to repeat that victory. What makes the game so interesting, apart from the rivalry of these two stand-out labor sports teams, is that many members of the Clerks' squad are Whelan strikers.

That merely highlights the anti-fascist flavor of this great sports night, being sponsored by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. For these games are being played for the true democrats and fighters for freedom, and New York fandom, ever-sympathetic to the real battle for democracy, is sure to turn out heavily, despite the usual scant mention in the commercial newspapers.

Leading the famed Rennie battle will be such great Negro cagers as Wee Willie Smith, giant star; Dolly King, LIT's ex-bell-wether; Capt. Eyrer Salich, Wilmet Sitat-Singh, Zack Clayton, and Billy Gates. With such standouts the Harlem five has scored victories all over the basketball domain this season, just as it has for years.

Allstars will be paced by a corps of ex-college stars now shining in the pro circuit, including: Ivy Torgoff and Phil Rabin, LIT; Allie Shuckman, Dutch Garfinkel, and Rip Gerson, St. John's; Ace Goldstein, O'Connell, and many others. Sammy Kaplan, the Celtics, will also be on hand. That's a basketball fan's Dream Team, and the game in its Dream Contest.

The clash between the TUAAs squads will get under way at 8:30 p.m., and the main game will start at 10. Dancing to Dick Messner's orchestra will take place between halves.

See you there! —NEWTON

## How Rodney Picks The A. L. Finish

1. CLEVELAND 5. CHICAGO  
2. NEW YORK 6. ST. LOUIS  
3. DETROIT 7. WASHINGTON  
4. BOSTON 8. PHILADELPHIA

## Local 65 Starts Spring Sports Program Today

Local 65, UWW, opens its Spring sports program today, with 100 baseball candidates taking the field in first baseball tryouts of the year. Practice starts this morning at Boys High Field in Brooklyn.

Out of this squad of 100 ball players from the warehouses of New York, Local 65 expects to turn out four varsity teams, and from this reserve build another championship team repeat the story of last year, when the warehouse boys, the "65 sluggers," won the title in the Trade Union Athletic Association tournament.

The practice session today, and every Saturday from now on at Boys High Field will be led by captain Eddie Domancio, Bill Weill, Artie Lowenkron and Murray Sager. After several sessions, the captains will line up the four teams.

Besides that, today marks the opening of the union's softball tournament, with eighteen teams swinging into action on Randall's Island. Additional fields have been reserved in Prospect and Central Parks to provide facilities for the broadest sports participation in the history of the young, hard-hitting Union. An intense, but friendly, spirit of competition is spreading through the membership around their section teams.

## On The Score Board

By Lester Rodney

We're going to go temperamental on the pennant predictions this year, as befits a prophet who has called five of the six winners in the last three years (Reds in '39, Reds, Yanks in '39, Cubs, Yanks in '38 . . . let's leave '37 out of this).

You get the American League winners for your five cents today. If you want to know who's going to win the National League pennant you'll have to read the Sunday Worker tomorrow.

Now—after a long, stirring battle for objectivity and a close perusal of all available reports, adding and subtracting what we know and have observed about the players and clubs in past years—

CLEVELAND to win the American League pennant, hotly pursued right down to the wire by the Yankees, and refusing to fold as of yore. A fairly sizeable gap after these two and then the one shot Detroit club, still with enough punch to finish a good third and with more pitching than the Red Sox, who will again dent the fences in vain. Heading a tight second division by a whisker, the White Sox, followed in very rapid succession by a very much improved Brown team, the Senators (just socked by the loss to the draft of Buddy Lewis) and the A's, not as bad as their Philadelphia brethren of the National League.

In picking the Indians to cop we figure them to be a much better ball club than they were last year, because that's what they will have to be to beat out a Yankee team that's definitely zooming back after a one-year lapse and the replacements of a few cogs.

The Indians will be better:

1. Because they have rid themselves of one of the last of the old spit and bluster, martinet type of managers and have in Roger Peckinpah a leader who respects them, who'll get their respect and for whom they can go all out, concentrating on winning the ball games instead of on fighting back against a humiliating manager.

2. Peck was wise enough to wipe the slate clean of dissident Vets men, Coach Bassler and lone wolf players Allen and Chapman being among the missing. In doing this he strengthened the team physically with the important addition of

3. Gerald Walker, a hustling, long-hitting outfielder who drove in 99 runs with his 294 Washington average and will fit into the pennant drive picture much better than Chapman. And

4. Bob Feller, at 23 and still learning, will be an even greater pitcher than he was last year. One can predict a 23-game season without being very rash, and a team with a super pitcher has to be just a good ball club to be a pennant winner. The Indians are more than just a good ball club.

## Infield Better Than Yanks'

They have more than Feller over the Yanks. They have a better infield, a proven combination where the Yanks still present question marks at three positions of the inner works. Trosky, Mack, Beaudreau and Keltner are the best in the American League. Trosky and Keltner, long batters, two of the most courageous opponents of Viti's rantings, will go better at the bat this year. The same in an even larger measure goes for outfielder Jeff Heath, a dangerous hitter choked up last year with bitterness and resentment at Viti. Before we leave the infield, its apropos to ponder on Beaudreau's 99 runs driven in. Here is the premier fielding shortstop in the loop and he socks across that many tallies. Will Rizzuto touch that? It's unlikely.

Roy Weatherly, a fleet flycatcher who has finally moved into the 300 class as a hitter rounds up, with Walker and Heath, a good outfield, not exceptional but good enough for pennant purposes behind a great infield and a Feller-led pitching staff. The Indians' possible weakness lurks in the pitching staff after getting past Al Milnar, who has the stuff to repeat last year's 18-game season. Al Smith, Mel Harder, Jim Bagby (from Boston) may or may not be good. But Feller and Milnar should be sufficient with whatever extra help they can pick up. Having, Humphries and Eisenstat insure some competent relief work.

## Yanks Will Mesh Late in Year

Now having said all that it must be said that the Yankees are POTENTIALLY a greater club than the Indians. But too many "ifs" have to come through and even conceiving a late rush when everything has jelled, the Indians aren't going to let go this when they've built up a lead, which they seem sure to do.

The Yanks' potentialities lie in Rizzuto and Priddy measuring up to their billing, which will round out a great infield with Gordon and Rolfe, though not as hard-hitting as the Indians'. And in a pitching staff loaded with really good, big right handed youngsters, one or two of whom may break through as Bonham did last year and make all the difference.

They have the greatest outfielder in the game in Joe DiMaggio. They have a fearsome, underrated socker in Charley Keller, who made pitchers wince during his "off year" last season. Between Henrich and Selkirk they have a good enough right fielder. Buddy Rosar will take up some of the unquestionable slack in Bill Dickey's catching. If Gomes and the box scores haven't been kidding, Bonham, Bruer and Chandler come through as they should and any one among Peck, Stancau, Lindell and Washburn measure up fast enough, that plus Russo will give the Yanks a whole of a pitching staff even accounting for the great Red Ruffing's long overdue fading.

If you were to leap another year in your predictions, you'd say the Yanks roaring home in 1942! But that's getting a little TOO previous for the week before the opening of the '41 season.

All of which discussion doesn't leave us too much room for the other six teams, which is more or less as it should be inasmuch as it looks like a two-team race.

Boston's terrific punch is beginning to fade out before sufficient pitching reinforcements have been brought up: the Tigers even if they were as good as last year don't figure with the improved and sounder Indians and Yanks this trip; and they can't be as good without Greenberg and with Bartell and Gehring fading fast; the rest of the second division teams all lack something in some degree; but watch the Browns push a few clubs around. The A's have just the framework of a ball club. About four of the Philadelphia Negro Giants stars would make a world of difference.

Now we've got a half hour to shave and get ourselves over to Ebbets Field to cast the eye on our heroes, those erstwhile bums, the Dodgers.

National League tomorrow.

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RATES: \$18.00 PER WEEK—\$3.25 PER DAY  
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## WHAT'S ON

Tonight  
MANHATTAN  
COMPLIMENTARY DANCE given by Association Democratic Alliance. Two orchestras. Musicians fee 10c. All welcome. Wilkes Hall, 222 W. 14th St. 9:30 P.M.  
SPRING GAMBLING for sheepskin people who want a lion's share of fun. Dancing, refreshments. 71 5th Ave. IWO. Hdqrs. Peace Forum. 8:30 P.M.  
EASTERN DANCE! Rumba, Conga to Raul Leon and his Casino de Puerto Rico Orchestra. Subs. Ladies 10c. Gentlemen 25c. American Labor Party, 1888 3rd Ave. between 104th & 105th Sts. Harlem Progressive Assn. 8:30 P.M. to 3 A.M.  
HARLEM PROGRESSIVES will entertain in honor of 100th Anniversary of Frederick Douglass. Angelo Herndon, guest of honor. Music. Dancing. Subs. 25c. 41 W. 124th St. 10:00 P.M.  
"HI-NO-COME to the Fair!" Hot dogs and soda. Free popcorn. Youth Workshop. 184 St. 10:00 P.M.  
DANCE to late music in beautiful clubrooms. Pimping, checkers, cards. Friendly informal atmosphere. Sub. 25c. 13 E. 13th St. 8:30 P.M. Auld Forum Club.  
AMERICAN YOUTH THEATRE presents Gala Party and Dance plus one hour show featuring Phil Leeds, M.C. Betty Garrett, Emile Renan. Main Studios, 123 W. 44th St. 9:30 P.M. until . . . Adm. 40c.  
Tomorrow  
MARXIST ANALYSIS OF THE WEEK'S NEWS by Joseph Starobin, foreign editor New Masses. Sunday, April 13, 8:30 P.M. Workers School, 50 E. 12th St. Adm. 25c.  
DALLAS SUNDAY. Ballads and folk songs by the Almanac Singers. Documentary recordings—work songs and folk music. Admission 35c. Almanac Singers, 70 E. 12th St. 3:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.  
RESERVE SUNDAY EVENING for the

Rediscovering American History!  
New Masses Readers League  
Presents  
HERBERT APTHEKER  
Noted Historian  
and author of many works on the Negro, the Civil War and the Abolitionist Movement!  
In a Series of 6 Lectures  
From Jeffersonism  
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Saturday Aft. at 2:30  
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25c per lecture — \$3.25 for series  
ORDERS TAKEN AT  
NEW MASSER 461 Fourth Avenue  
WORKERS BOOKSHOP, 18 E. 19 St.  
BOOKFAIR . . . . . 182 W. 44th St.

Modern Culture Club's annual feature dance at the Folk Center, 233 7th Ave. 8:00 P.M.

Coming  
NEW THEATRE REUNION DANCE. Featuring Lionel Stander, Will Geer, others. Friday Eve., April 18th. Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43rd St. Dancing—swing orchestra. Tickets 50c. New Theatre League, 110 W. 47th St. CH. 4-8118 and all bookshops.

Newark, N. J.  
Dance sponsored by Current Events Club for Spanish Refugees at Continental Auditorium, 982 Broad Street, Newark, N. J. Donation 50c. Sat., April 13th, 8:30 P.M.

Philadelphia, Pa.  
"OUR STAKE IN CIVIL LIBERTIES" with ALBERT MALTE and others. Saturday, April 12, 8:30 P.M. New Theatre, 311 N. 10th St. Refreshments and music. 57c. Rit. 5800 for reservations.

Boston, Mass.  
JERRY O'CONNELL—former Congressman from Montana to speak on Social Security Legislation. Sunday, April 13, 3 P.M. Old South Meeting House. Admission Free. Aup. IWO.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION  
WORKERS SCHOOL, Spring Term Registration now going on! Complete program of Marxist-Leninist courses. Room 301, 35 E. 12th St.

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